

## Suspect and brother ordered held

TEL AVIV (AP) — Yitzhak Rabin's confessed assassin told a judge Monday he made a "coldhearted" decision to kill Mr. Rabin to stop the peace process. Police were investigating if he and his brother were part of a right-wing conspiracy. Magistrate Dan Arbel ordered Yigal Amir held for 15 days as the investigation continued (see page 12). His brother Hagai, who admitted giving Yigal 20 bullets of the type used to shoot Mr. Rabin, will be held for seven days. Hagai, 27, said at a separate hearing that Yigal had asked him several times whom he should kill to stop the Middle East peace process. He said Yigal had also reported to him his two aborted plans to assassinate Mr. Rabin. Hagai also admitted that he had modified 20 9-mm bullets to make them more accurate, by boring holes in them to insert iron pellets, and had given some to his brother. One of the bullets removed from Mr. Rabin's body was of that modified type, Israel Radio quoted police as saying. But Hagai denied knowing that his brother planned to kill Mr. Rabin on Saturday night and said he had not known the bullets were intended for murder.

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## Palestinian elections on schedule

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Israel's acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres told French President Jacques Chirac on Monday that elections in Palestinian autonomous territories would take place as scheduled in January, aides of Mr. Chirac said. They said Mr. Chirac had a 50-minute meeting with Mr. Peres after the funeral of slain Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. "The prime minister indicated the elections in the territories would go ahead at the scheduled date of Jan. 20," one aide said. They quoted Mr. Peres as saying he hoped redeployment of Israeli troops in the occupied territories would be completed by the year-end despite a heavy schedule. They said Mr. Chirac, who was the first foreign head of state to meet Mr. Peres after the funeral, voiced his conviction that Israel would pursue the peace process, including with Syria and Lebanon, and the forthcoming Barcelona conference in the Mediterranean. The aides said Mr. Chirac described the conference as a major opportunity for peace for all Mediterranean countries.

# World bids farewell to Yitzhak Rabin

## Slain Israeli leader laid to rest after emotional eulogies in West Jerusalem

Combined agency dispatches

TO THE WAIL of sirens and eulogies by world leaders, Israel on Monday buried its slain Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, assassinated by a fellow Jew who opposed his peace with Palestinians.

Soldiers and statesmen sobbed as mourners ranging from U.S. President Bill Clinton to Mr. Rabin's granddaughter praised the prime minister who died for Middle East peace.

Mr. Clinton, King Hussein and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said the greatest memorial for Mr. Rabin would be to continue his drive to end half a century of Arab-Israeli fighting.

The whole of Israel stood in silent tribute for two minutes when sirens that each year commemorate the Nazi holocaust marked the start of the two-hour-long funeral on a Jerusalem hilltop. Seven soldiers fired three volleys over the grave of the former army commander to conclude the emotional ceremony.

Some 4,500 mourners stood beneath the pines and cypresses of Mount Herzl national cemetery where Mr. Rabin, hit by two bullets at a Tel Aviv peace rally on Saturday night, was laid to rest. Only a small group of relatives and dignitaries were allowed to the graveside where they put earth onto the flag-draped coffin.

Tens of thousands of Israelis stunned that a fellow Jew had broken a taboo on spilling Jewish blood, had followed the cortege to the cemetery.

"Today my fellow citizens of the world ask all of you to take a good, hard look at this picture," said Mr. Clinton, wearing a black Jewish skullcap.

"Look at the leaders from all over the Middle East and around the world who have journeyed here today for Yitzhak Rabin and for peace. Though we no longer hear his deep and booming voice, it is he who has brought us together again here in word and deed for peace," Mr. Clinton said with emotion.

Mr. Clinton, presidents, monarchs and representatives from some 50 countries, including six Arab states, were protected by more than 10,000 soldiers and police, the heaviest security seen in the Holy City. Mr. Rabin's peace partner Yasser Arafat sent senior Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials to represent him, citing security concerns.

Mr. Rabin's aide and speechwriter of 35 years, Eytan Haber, read from the blood-soaked song sheet Mr. Rabin had in his pocket when he was shot by Yigal Amir, a 25-year-old student and supporter of Jewish settlers in Arab lands.

"So sing the song of peace, don't whisper a prayer. It is better to sing the song of peace with a great shout," Haber read. Shortly after Mr. Rabin sang these words at a mass peace rally, he was struck by two dum-dum bullets.

"You lived as a soldier, you died as a soldier for peace," King Hussein told the mourners. "I believe it is time for all of us to come out openly and speak about peace."

Mr. Rabin's successor, Shimon Peres, said the funeral of Mr. Rabin was a sign that his three-year effort was bearing fruit. "This is the crowning glory of your efforts, all of us here together," Mr. Peres said.

"Goodbye older brother, farewell. We will continue to carry the message of peace to near and far as you wanted in your life and bequeathed in your death," said Mr. Peres.

Mr. Peres, who shared the Nobel Prize with Mr. Rabin last year, said of his old comrade: "He was a courageous fighter, a great visionary, who created a new reality in our region."

Mr. Peres said Mr. Rabin warned him of an assassination threat as they stood together at a peace rally.

"You told me there are warnings of an assassination attempt at the large rally. We did not know who would strike. We did not imagine the harm would be so great. But we knew we must not fear death and we must not hesitate for peace," Mr. Peres said.

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Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor, along with Israel's acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres and his wife and former U.S. President Jimmy Carter among others attend Monday's funeral in West Jerusalem of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin (AFP photo)

## King, Peres meet, say Rabin's death strengthens determination for peace

WEST JERUSALEM (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein on Monday received at the King David Hotel in West Jerusalem Israel's acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres and discussed with him the peace process and the latest developments in the region.

The King stressed the need to advance the peace process and overcome all obstacles impeding it.

The two also agreed that the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will make Jordan, Israel and all other parties interested in peace in the region more determined to continue the peace process in order to achieve a comprehensive, just and lasting peace, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported.

The meeting was attended by Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker and Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem.

The King also received at the hotel Japanese Foreign Minister Yohei Kono and the delegation accompanying him.

The Japanese minister voiced his country's support for Jordan and the peace process and paid tribute to the King's key role in the process.

The two sides stressed the need to exert all efforts to achieve comprehensive development in the region.

The meeting was attended by Sharif Zeid, Mr. Qasem and Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti.

Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor also offered their condolences to Leah Rabin, wife of the assassinated Israeli premier and to members of his family.

The King and Queen and the delegation accompanying him were expected to return home late Monday.

The King and Queen and the delegation restricted the trip to West Jerusalem, refusing to travel to the Arab East for "political reasons," Sharif Zeid said.

The King delivered an emotional eulogy at the funeral of Mr. Rabin. "The King has known and appreciated Yitzhak Rabin as a man of his word. They worked together a lot to achieve peace. He will miss him a lot," said Foreign Minister Kabariti.

Even the delegation had been affected by Mr. Rabin's death and the King's grief.

"The death of Yitzhak Rabin has affected me, because of the loss of a man and because of the King's suffering," said one of the Jordanian delegation.

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Mr. Arafat stayed in Gaza as Israeli leaders did not want him to attend the ceremony at the Mount Herzl military cemetery in Jerusalem. He was represented by several ministers of the self-rule authority.

In a voice breaking with emotion, Mr. Arafat told the U.S. television network CNN: "I loved one of our cousins, he was a real partner with me in the peace process. He lost his life for peace not only for Palestinians and Israel but for the whole area."

"We are sure Israeli and Palestinian and Arab children will live in peace during our life in this area far away from wars and destruction. The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman vowed to press ahead with the peace process with Shimon Peres, appointed acting premier after Mr. Rabin's assassination late Saturday."

"We have lost this brave man, we will continue in his name," Mr. Arafat said. "Peres has the same strong will to continue in this line."

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quoting opponents of the peace process about Mr. Rabin's slaying.

Nafez Azzam, a leader of Islamic Jihad, said his group has not changed its position on Mr. Rabin's assassination, calling it a "just revenge for what he has done to our people."

Hamas leader Mahmoud Zahar said Mr. Arafat could not stop the Palestinians from expressing their feelings about Mr. Rabin's death.

"No one can kill the emotions of the people. Just as the Israelis are expressing their emotions by going to the funeral, many Palestinians are expressing their true emotions about Mr. Rabin's death. How can you stop a mother whose son was killed by an Israeli soldier from being bappy at Rabin's death," Dr. Zahar said.

Tunisia said it "deeply deplores" the assassination of Mr. Rabin and condemned his killing as a "criminal act."

The foreign ministry denounced "terrorism and violence" in all forms and from wherever it comes, a communique said.

It said Tunisia had "full confidence" that the Middle East peace process would continue despite Rabin's death.

Tunis sent its Jordanian ambassador Izzeddine Al Kerkani, to Mr. Rabin's funeral.

Mr. Kerkani was the most senior Tunisian official ever to set foot on Israeli soil.

The General conference of the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) was holding a special session to pay homage to Mr. Rabin on Monday.

In 1993 Mr. Rabin was awarded UNESCO's Felix Houphouet-Boigny Prize for the pursuit of peace, jointly awarded that year to Mr. Peres and Mr. Arafat.

Former French President Francois Mitterrand sent his condolences to Israel's mourning leaders, saying the peace process must not be disrupted by the murder of Mr. Rabin.

"All my wishes go towards your country. I have confidence in peace and I have confidence in your people," he said in a letter to Mr. Peres.

The French National Assembly observed a minute's silence in tribute to Mr. Rabin, as he was being buried in Jerusalem.

Session chairwoman Nicole Catala, opening proceedings with a request for a minute's silence, said the parliament "addressed our condolences to the Israeli people and parliament."

A message from National Assembly Speaker Philippe Seguin to the speaker of the Knesset, the Israeli parliament, was read out to deputies present. "With him a craftsman of peace is gone," he said.

The World Council of Churches (WCC), often critical of Israeli policies on

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## King reaffirms pledge to stay course of peace

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein on Monday said the late Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, had lived like a soldier and died as a soldier for peace and implicitly called on the Arab World to seek peace with Israel.

The King, who spoke after Israeli President Ezer Weizman at Mr. Rabin's funeral in Jerusalem, said Mr. Rabin, who was gunned down by a Jewish terrorist in Tel Aviv on Saturday, had "courage ... vision and ... commitment to peace."

"Standing here, I commit before you, before my people in Jordan, and before the world, myself to continue to do the utmost to ensure that we shall leave a similar legacy," the King told the 2,500 world leaders gathered to pay homage to Mr. Rabin.

Mourning the loss of a "brother, a colleague and a friend," the King said: "I believe it is time for all of us to come out openly and to speak out for peace. Not here today, but for all times to come. We belong to the camp of peace, we believe in peace."

The King was accompanied to the funeral by Her Majesty Queen Noor, Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, former prime ministers Abdul Salam Majali and Zeid Rifai. King's advisors, Mohammad Rasoul Keilani, Humaidi Al Fayez, Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti, Deputy Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Tahsin Shurdam, Fayez Tarawneh, Jordanian ambassador to the U.S., President of the Amman Chamber of Industry Khalid Abu Hassan and President of the Amman Chamber of Commerce Haider Murad and Israeli Ambassador to Jordan Shimon Shamir and several members of the Cabinet.

The King said in his eulogy that it was ironic that his first visit to Jerusalem since 1967 was to attend the funeral of a man who made peace with Jordan.

"Never in all my thoughts would it occur to me that my first visit to Jerusalem in response to your invitation, the invitation of the speaker of the Knesset, the invitation of the president of Israel, would be on such an occasion," said the King.

He condemned those who "live in darkness, who are the enemies of life" and wished that too would join in the peace camp.

"We are not ashamed and we are not frightened, nor are we anything but determined to fulfil the legacy for which my friend fell as did my grandfather in this very city when I was but a young boy."

Mr. Rabin, he said, was a "man of courage, a man of vision." The King pledged "on behalf of the people of Jordan, my family, the Hashemite family and all in the peace camp" that the fight for peace would go on.

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"I never thought that the moment would come like this when I would grieve the loss of a brother, a colleague and a friend, a man, a soldier who met us on the opposite side of a divide, who we respected as he respected us, a man I came to know because I realised he did that we had to cross over the divide, establish the dialogue and strive to leave also for us a legacy that is worthy of him."

"And so he did. And so we became brethren and friends. I have never been used to standing except with you next

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## Saddam fires two ministers

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on Monday fired the ministers of education and irrigation, a day after he urged bureaucrats to fight corruption.

President Saddam, who is also prime minister, named Abdul Jabbar Tawfik Muhammad, who was head of the education department within the president's office, to replace Hekmat Abdullah Al Bazzaz as education minister, state-run Baghdad Radio said.

Mahmoud Diab Al Ahmad, former housing and construction minister, replaced Irrigation Minister Nizar Jomaa Al Qasbi, who in turn was appointed a presidential advisor. Mr. Ahmad was replaced by Abdullah Sarsam.

Finally, Abdul Ilah Hamid Mohammad Saleh was named agriculture minister, filling a post left vacant by the death last month of Khaled Abdul Moneim Rashid in Rome.

The three men in new jobs in the cabinet are all technocrats.

The radio gave no reason for the changes, but President Saddam told civil servants in a letter published Sunday to "apply laws strictly and to refuse orders from their superiors, even if they are ministers, if they break these laws."

"If your superior insists, ask him for written orders so he bears the responsibility," the letter said. Civil servants must report at the highest level "anything contrary to the interests of the public service and the state."

The Iraqi president criticised officials who pulled

strings to obtain favours in contravention of the law but who still went unpunished.

President Saddam said he had warned these officials but "unfortunately this has not been implemented by all ministers or their subordinates."

The president, who was swept to another seven years in power in a referendum on Oct. 15, has waged war on corruption in the government and has urged ministers to be more democratic.

In the message, read out Sunday night on state television, the Iraqi President said: "We address you to tell you that you have to respect the law in your work and completely to abide by it, even if any minister demands the opposite from you."

He said a cabinet decision made earlier to fight corruption and nepotism has been ignored by some ministers and senior civil servants.

He did not elaborate or name the offending officials.

Exiled Iraqi opposition sources have in recent months spoken at length about what they describe as rampant corruption in Iraq, whose economy has been crippled by more than five years of U.N. sanctions imposed for Baghdad's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

The sanctions have left many of Iraq's 20 million people without enough food, medicine and other essential goods.

Much of what opposition sources say on corruption in Iraq links members of President Saddam's family and inner-circle with abuse of power, profiteering and black-market rackets.

## Iraqi paper predicts fall of Iranian regime

BAGHDAD (AFP) — Iraq on Monday predicted that Iran's Islamic fundamentalist leaders would fall soon in a bloodbath that will be worse than the revolution that overthrew the Shah in 1979.

"Iran is boiling and the explosion will come soon," the official Al Thawra newspaper said.

"The end of the regime of the mullahs (clerics) will be worse than the Shah's because of the stubbornness of the leaders in Tehran in pursuing an aggressive and repressive policy toward the people of Iran," it added.

The ruling Baath Party's official newspaper said Iran "shamelessly announced the entry of its troops into Iraqi Kurdistan, under various names which fool nobody."

The Tehran-based Iraqi opposition movement, the Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, said last month it would send fighters into northern Iraq to launch attacks against Iraqi troops.

The newspaper also accused Iran of changing its mind about attending the international fair in Baghdad which opened last week.

Iran said on Oct. 30 it would not take part in the fair, contradicting a statement from an Iraqi minister saying it would attend.

"The mullahs in Tehran do miss opportunities to do wrong to Iraq, to threaten its unity and interfere in its internal affairs," it said.

The state-run press has accused Iran for the past month, although Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz said three weeks ago that

Baghdad was ready to normalise relations with Iran after the prisoner of war issue is settled.

He urged Iran to release 20,000 Iraqis who Baghdad says were taken prisoner during the 1980-1988 war between the two countries.

Nuclear studies ended

Russian and Iranian experts have completed studies on Iran's Bushehr nuclear power plant, the head of Iran's atomic energy organisation said Monday.

Tehran Radio quoted Reza Amrollahi as saying Russia had agreed to build the facility at a cost of \$780 million.

Some 200 Russian and Iranian experts had been carrying out studies on the complex in southern Iran, expected on completion to provide a large part of Iran's energy needs.

The United States, which accuses Iran of sponsoring "international terrorism" and trying to obtain nuclear weapons, has failed to dissuade Moscow from going through with the nuclear deal with Tehran.

Israel also has expressed concern and warned it might attack the plant, which was left unfinished when the German company Siemens abandoned the project after the 1979 revolution.

Israeli leaders have said Iran could be as little as five years away from making a nuclear bomb. Iran has denied such allegations, saying its facilities were regularly inspected by the International Atomic Energy Agency.



FAREWELL TO A LEADER: People line up in front of the Israeli parliament, Knesset, to pay their respects to assassinated Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin shortly before his coffin was carried to cemetery for funeral. Around one million people, one fifth of the Israeli population, paid a tearful last tribute to their slain leader since the coffin was placed in front of the Knesset on Sunday (AFP photo)

## Rabin assassination leaves settlers unsettled, defensive

Combined Agency dispatches ISRAELI'S SETTLERS, once loathe to praise Yitzhak Rabin, now find themselves declaring they never wanted to bury him.

A wide spectrum of Israelis — from leftists to government ministers to right-wing extremists — blame the settlement movement as the bothouse that bred Yigal Amir, the extremist who shot the Israeli prime minister dead.

"They did not deal correctly with their rotten apples," Environment Minister Yossi Sarid told the Associated Press. "I hope they understand they will have to be more determined with their rotten apples because otherwise the cart will be rotten."

Amir lives in a Tel Aviv suburb, but reportedly spent a lot of time visiting friends on Maaleh Israel, a settlement in the occupied West Bank.

Settler leaders, who virulently opposed Mr. Rabin's policies of "territorial compromise," were quick to distance themselves from Amir's extreme-right beliefs.

"The bullets which split the heart of the prime minister broke the hearts of all of us," said a statement from the "Samaria regional council," representing settlers in the northern West Bank.

There were cries of condemnation when members of a "Kahane Lives," a tiny movement allied with the Eyal movement to which the 27-year-old law student belonged, staged a celebration in the Tapash settlement.

"These are sick individuals who represent no one other than themselves, and probably aren't stable enough to represent themselves," said Yehiel Leiter, a spokesman for the settler's council, which represents the 140,000 Israelis living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

If the rhetoric was strong, it reflected a broad-based perception that the assassination would provide long-lacking public support for the Israeli government to accede to Palestinian demands to start dismantling some of the settlements.

One right-wing critic of some aspects of the peace process wrote that the assassination had him convinced once and for all that Mr. Rabin's direction was correct.

"This night will not only be remembered as the night Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated," wrote Yosef Lapid, the editor of the Maariv daily in a column dissociating himself from the extreme right headline, "more than one murderer."

"This is the night that the peace process got its final, tragic, blood-soaked confirmation," he wrote.

That potential impact on public opinion was not lost on settlers.

"Lord Almighty, what did he think he could achieve," settler Hagai Segal wrote in Maariv of Amir. "Instead of letting the leftist government die a natural death, democratically, he handed it the authority of the angel of death."

Vandals trashed the headquarters of the main right-wing opposition Likud Party in the coastal town of Ashdod on Sunday, and settlers worried they would be next.

"There could be a civil war," said Dan Marantz, a founder of a religious seminary in the centre of the West Bank city of Nablus and an acquaintance of Amir's.

He said he hoped the left would understand that Amir was atypical. "There's a difference between political rhetoric and reality, actually carrying out something."

Rabbi Menahem Froman, a settler who has initiated dialogue with Arabs, said that if the government used Mr. Rabin's assassination to crack down on the settlers the results could be "massively destructive."

"The leftist voices will attack, the right will understand it's under attack and will retaliate, and it will deteriorate."

Mr. Froman said Amir must be understood as an exception to settler ideology — but he admitted that perhaps he and other settlers had not done enough to exorcise such extremists.

"This assassination demands an accounting of souls," he said in an interview.

"I used to politely smile when people threatened my life for meeting with Arabs. I should have paid more attention."

His was not the only anguished voice. Elitzur Botvia, a resident of the extremist stronghold of Kiryat Arba and a regular at right-wing demonstrations known for his imaginative, if not for his aggressive, appeared on Israel Television ashen-faced.

"I'm so sorry if ever I said a wrong word, that was in the area of words," he cried. "But to come to this, to killing, to come to murder, what have we come to people of Israel? No land is worth this."

At Kiryat Arba, a teacher in the settlement's Nir Jewish seminary, said: "What happened last night, God forbid, could cause war between us, between Jews."

An expert on Israeli right-wing militant groups said the ideology which fostered hatred of Arabs and had its centre in Kiryat Arba had finally overflowed in Saturday night's killing.

It had become what Israelis fear most: Violence of Jew against Jew.

Kiryat Arba was the home of U.S.-born settler Baruch Goldstein who massacred at least 30 Arab worshippers in a mosque in nearby Hebron in February 1994 before survivors killed him.

"He (Rabin's assassin) murdered another Jew and we can't understand it. We can't justify it at all," said Rabbi Shimon Ben-Zion, the seminary teacher.

"That is what we told our students... although everyone had a lot against the prime minister and felt he endangered us, endangered the nation and the land of Israel," Rabbi Ben-Zion said.

Hebrew University Professor Ehud Sprinzak, an expert on Jewish militant groups, said despite the town's shock, it was the ideology of many of its residents that had spawned the first assassination of an Israeli prime minister.

The confessed assassin is from near Tel Aviv, but the atmosphere in which he acted came from the West Bank, he said.

"There was a very clear process... Rabin became almost fair game and it took place exactly where you are today (Kiryat Arba)," Mr. Sprinzak said.

Kiryat Arba is a main centre of Kach, a Jewish supremacy group, founded by American-Israeli Rabbi Meir Kahane, who was shot dead by an Arab in New York in 1990.

Its adherents are a significant minority in Kiryat Arba. Mr. Sprinzak said all settlers had a great interest in not provoking the rest of Israel so soon after Mr. Rabin's death.

"The Israeli people are not going to forgive the groups or ideologies that identify with killing Rabin," Mr. Sprinzak said.

Kiryat Arba is a fortified enclave of 4,000 people abutting Hebron, home to more than 120,000 Palestinians in the West Bank.

The town's small park is named after Kahane. At its centre is Goldstein's well-tended grave-turned-shrine.

Rabbi Ben-Zion's seminary does not support Kach, but it allowed its building to be used for Goldstein's funeral.

A young couple prayed at Goldstein's grave — a tomb on a plaza complete with street lamps — on Sunday afternoon. Shortly after they departed, a teenage girl came to pay her respects.

Mr. Sprinzak said Kahane had always admonished against shedding Jewish blood but there were Kach members ready to "cross the line."

He said their militancy, added to overheated rhetoric from more mainstream settlers spurred by Israel's continued handing over of occupied land to Palestinian rule, had paved the way for the gunman who said he shot down Mr. Rabin on "God's orders."

"First you have Kach, which can lead to no borders. Then (more moderate) organisations come up with posters of Rabin with blood on his hands and talk of putting Rabin on trial. This is how you create an atmosphere," he said.

## Assad condemns Rabin's murder

ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE (Agencies) — Syrian President Hafez Al Assad told the United States that he condemned the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, a senior U.S. official.

The official, who asked not to be named, told reporters travelling with President Bill Clinton and a U.S. delegation to Jerusalem for Mr. Rabin's funeral that Secretary of State Warren Christopher phoned Mr. Assad on Saturday night.

Mr. Assad described the assassination as tragic and condemned it, the official said, without elaborating.

Syria, in its first official reaction to the assassination, said on Monday it will continue to work for peace and urged Israel to "make up for lost time."

"After the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Israel has to make up for lost time if it sincerely wants peace, by consecrating its efforts on serious and sincere talks on the Lebanese and Syrian tracks, to arrive at a just and global peace," the government daily Tishrin

said. "Damascus has and continues to act for peace without being influenced by any given incident or the change in any leadership," Tishrin said, adding that peace was a "strategic option" for Syria.

Syria's official media had up to now made no comment on Mr. Rabin's assassination. Mr. Rabin's policies towards the peace process had been the subject of almost daily attacks in Syria's official media.

Syria has repeatedly called for a "peace of the brave," Tishrin said quoting a statement made by President Assad at the 1994 Geneva summit with U.S. President Bill Clinton.

The Syrian-Israeli peace talks have been deadlocked since June after a meeting of Israeli and Syrian chiefs of staff failed to reach an agreement over security arrangements to accompany an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

Syria and closely-allied Lebanon are the last remaining elements Israel needs to make full peace with its Arab neighbours.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Police break up arms ring in south Egypt

MINYA (AFP) — Police have broken up a weapons ring which was the main supplier of arms to Muslim militants in south Egypt, arresting 15 dealers, security sources said on Monday. The 15, who police arrested last week in Dairut and Manfalut towns 350 kilometres from the southern province Assiut, were "the most dangerous arms dealers in the south Egypt." Some of the dealers admitted they were "the main source of arms" for Muslim militant groups who have been waging a violent campaign against the government in which nearly 1,000 people have died since March 1992, the sources said. The dealers also found ready clients among the rival families involved in the many violent inter-clan feuds in south Egypt, the sources said. Police uncovered 34 machine-guns, a shotgun, 32 weapons parts and a large amount of ammunition in the dealers' homes and in an arms-making factory they also raided.

### Turkish troops kill 43 Kurdish rebels

ANKARA (AFP) — Turkish security forces have killed 43 Kurdish rebels in recent clashes in Turkey's southeastern and eastern regions, an official statement said Monday. The statement by the office of the regional governor of southeastern Turkey said the biggest clash took place in the Baskale area on the border between Turkey and Iraq, where a large group of rebels from the outlawed Kurdistan Labour Party (PKK) clashed with Turkish troops. Twenty-seven of the rebels trying to infiltrate into Turkey from Iraq were killed in the clash, the statement said, but it made no mention of troop casualties. It did not say either when the fighting took place. The statement said 12 rebels were killed in four other recent clashes in the southeastern provinces of Siirt, Tunceli, Diyarbakir and Mus.

### 13 dead as flash floods ravage Mogadishu

MOGADISHU (AFP) — At least 13 people died and three were injured when torrential rain hit Mogadishu in the early hours of Monday, sweeping away makeshift huts in a refugee camp and causing a wall to collapse. Reports said the floods hit after midnight, catching people in their sleep. Eight of the dead were reported to be people who were trying to salvage their property from the raging floodwaters. Officials at the city's Diger hospital said they had treated three injured. More than 20 other families had huts swept away by raging waters in the camp, located in southwest Mogadishu. Hundreds of others were left homeless.

### Businessman Sawalha laid to rest

AMMAN (J.T.) — A notable Jordanian businessman Maurice Sawalha, 61, died in the weekend was buried Sunday in his hometown Madaba, south of here. Mr. Sawalha, a well-known businessman, had worked as an engineer in Aqaba and for the Caterpillar Company and later founded the Jordanian Lifts Company.

### Egyptian envoy's wife laid to rest

AMMAN (J.T.) — Tiba Ibrahim Othman, the wife of Egyptian ambassador to Jordan Wajih Hamdi, who passed away Saturday of a heart attack was buried in Cairo on Sunday. Mrs. Hamdi suffered a stroke three weeks ago and was in the intensive care unit at the Arab Centre for Heart and Special Surgery, surviving only by life support systems until Saturday when her heart stopped. The source said that Mrs. Hamdi had undergone an open heart surgery six years ago and was doing well until she suffered the stroke which eventually caused her death.

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### PROGRAMME TWO

14:00 Captain Planet  
14:30 M.A.N.T.I.S.  
15:00 Run The Gauntlet  
16:00 I Love Lucy  
16:30 Tarzan  
17:00 Children's Programme — Cocotte  
17:30 Serie — Fruits Et Legumes  
18:00 Magazine — Savoir Plus Sante  
19:00 News in French  
19:15 News in Urdu  
19:30 News Headlines  
19:35 You Bet Your Life  
20:00 The Secrets of Treasure Island  
20:30 The Bold and the Beautiful  
21:15 Drama — The Blue  
22:00 News in English  
22:25 Film: "Murderous Affairs"  
23:00 Nancy Wake

### PRAYER TIMES

04:34 Fajr  
05:02 Sunrise  
11:19 Dhuhr  
14:28 Asr  
16:46 Maghrib  
18:05 Isha

### CHURCHES

St. Mary of Nazareth Church  
Swithest, Tel. 810740  
Assembly of God Church, Tel. 632785.

### St. Joseph Church

Tel. 624590

### Church of the Annunciation

Tel. 637440

### St. John's Church

Tel. 661757

### Terrence Church

Tel. 622366

### Church of the Annunciation

Tel. 623541

### Anglican Church

Tel. 652826

### Armenian Catholic Church

Tel. 711331

### Armenian Orthodox Church

Tel. 715261

### St. Ephraim Church

Tel. 717151

### Armenian International Church

Tel. 652526

### Evangelical Lutheran Church

Tel. 845457

### German-speaking Evangelical

Church, Tel. 845457

### The Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints Tel. 654932

### The Church of Nazareth

Tel. 675691

### The Evangelical Local Church in

Amman Tel. 811295

### WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.

A depression is expected to affect the Kingdom in the afternoon, so temperatures will drop and rain will fall with winds southerly active. In Aqaba, it will be warm and dusty with winds southerly moderate and seas rough.

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Amman ..... 12/23  
Aqaba ..... 19/32

### Deserts

10/25

### Jordan Valley

17/32

### Yesterday's high temperatures:

Amman 25, Aqaba 32. Humidity

readings: Amman 24 per cent.

Aqaba 20 per cent.

### USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### NIGHT DUTY

AMMAN:

Dr. Makhles Halasah ..... 819229

Dr. Fayez Dabbas ..... 759155

Dr. Asrat Al Ashbah ..... 602597

Dr. Muneer Al Otaibi ..... 779399

Ferdows pharmacy ..... 778336

Al Asena pharmacy ..... 637055

Nairoukh pharmacy ..... 626272

Al Salam pharmacy ..... 636730

Yacoub pharmacy ..... 640465

Shuqran pharmacy ..... 637660

Nairoukh pharmacy ..... 626272

Najib pharmacy ..... 847632

### AMMAN:

Dr. Ahmad Qanu ..... 241264

Alquda pharmacy ..... (—)

### ZARQA:

Dr. Tariq Hijawi ..... 965445

### Khalid pharmacy

985417

### EMERGENCIES

Food Control Centre ..... 637111

Civil Defence Department ..... 661111

Civil Defence Immediate ..... 630341

Rescue ..... 109

Civil Defence Emergency ..... 617101

Fire Brigade ..... 775121

Highway Police ..... 843402

Traffic Police ..... 896390

Public Security Department ..... 600321

Hotel Complaints ..... 605800

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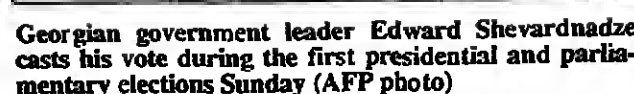
## New nature reserve planned in China

On Friday, Dr. Ghali called on "all concerned to

"We know how the Tigers work," the military source said. "Most of Jaffna town has been evacuated but the

"The only strategic feature, in terms of winning hearts and minds, is to take a town with people in it," a

The military estimates some 1,000 rebels have been killed in two weeks of fighting on the Jaffna peninsula and puts its own losses



**BEIJING (AP)** — The largest place in China with no human population will become a 45,000-square-kilometre (18,000-square-mile) nature reserve in northwestern Qinghai province, an official report said Sunday. The area, called Hoh Xil, is 5,000 metres (16,404 feet) above sea level in the Yushu Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, where Qinghai, Tibet and Xinjiang meet. Hoh Xil is home to about 40,000 animals, including wild yaks and asses, antelopes, snow leopards, brown bears, wild sheep and snow pheasants. The Xinhua News Agency reported the provincial government has decided to designate Hoh Xil as a nature reserve. It will ban tourism and exploration for natural resources in a 15,000-square-kilometre (6,200-square-mile) central part of the reserve, the report said.

## Britons sentenced for possessing pornography

BANGKOK (AFP) — Two British radio announcers were given suspended three-month jail sentences Monday and fined 3,000 baht (\$120) for possessing pornography, immigration police said. The two men, Ian Baker, 44, and Clifford Armstrong, 34, would be allowed to stay in Thailand during the one-year suspension period, police said, after the two men were sentenced by a Bangkok court. The pair were arrested on Oct. 17 following widespread reports in the Thai press that announcers at their radio station had been promoting child prostitution on the air. A raid at their respective apartments turned up magazines, photographs and videotapes deemed to be pornographic, although no material involving minors was found, contrary to earlier police reports. An investigation by the owners of the English-language radio station has failed to find any evidence that announcers were promoting child prostitution. The two men claim the charges were laid by a disgruntled employee. Pornography is illegal in Thailand, although explicit magazines and videotapes are available on the street in many areas.

## Jackson-Presley marriage is legally valid — judge

**SANTO DOMINGO** (AFP)—Pop icon Michael Jackson's marriage to Lisa Marie Presley is legally valid, the judge who wed them insisted Sunday, refuting a charge by a U.S. television network that it was likely null and void. Judge Hugo Alvarez told AFP that the report by Fox Television was wide of the mark. Fox reported Thursday that the duo's 1994 nuptials in the Dominican Republic were legally dubious for two reasons. It said Judge Alvarez appeared to have married the couple outside his legal jurisdiction, and that Presley had only been divorced for three weeks at the time. Fox said that under

Dominican law, a woman must be divorced for 10 months before she can remarry legally. But Judge Alvarez said that for a marriage to be performed Dominican law simply requires that the prospective bride and groom provide sworn statements attesting to the fact that they currently are single. And AFP had access shortly after the couple wed in May 1994 to official records and witness accounts saying the ceremony had taken place in the town of La Vega, 130 kilometres north of Santo Domingo. Fox reported that it appeared the event took place at Casa De Campo, a hotel in another town which it said would have been outside the judge's jurisdiction.

## Pakistan: Kashmir polls will heighten tensions in region

the opposition has "pre-conceived fears" of an election defeat.

The campaign against Mrs. Khaleda intensified in December when almost all opposition legislators

opposition legislators resigned from parliament trying to force the prime minister to accept their demand for elections under a neutral caretaker adminis-

They asked Mrs. Khaleida to step down and dissolve parliament. Mrs. Khaleida rejected the demands as unconstitutional.

The opposition has called for a weeklong national strike from Nov. 11 and threatened further action to force Mrs. Khaleda to concede.

Chief Election Commissioner A.K.M. Sadeque said Sunday that the next general elections would be held between January and April, 1996.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Condemning legislative elections in India's violent state of Kashmir, Pakistan's Foreign Minister warned Monday that next month's polls would heighten tensions in an already volatile region.

Calling the polls "farical," Foreign Minister Sardar Asif Ali warned "it would only aggravate tensions in the entire region."

Eddington in the 1970s television comedy *The Good Life* said Monday: "I don't

"He always dealt with his problems with humour and tenacity. At no time did he let his illness get in the way."

Eddington carried on working until his death,

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put it, "it won't take a rocket scientist to work out which countries are meant".

For New Zealand, host-

ing its biggest-ever gathering of world leaders, a key issue will be the Commonwealth's stance on French nuclear tests in the South Pacific and Britain's controversial support for them.

But with Prime Minister Jim Bolger bound by the diplomatic requirements of his role as host and chairman, it may fall to Australia and smaller Pacific nations to voice

Mr. O'Brien said failure to agree on the nuclear question would hardly be a disaster, but lack of firm

"If they don't manage to get anything at all about Nigeria, I think that will be a black mark against it," he said.

## Man with knife breaks into Canadian premier's home

Mr. Chretien praised the cool-headed reaction of his wife. On seeing the intruder, Mr. Chretien said she had quickly slammed the door and retreated from it.

"I was there and I am grateful," said Mr. Chretien, who was speaking to reporters en route to Israel for slain Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's funeral.

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An Israeli man mourns with his family while waiting for the convoy carrying the coffin of the assassinated Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to arrive near the knesset, where his coffin was placed to allow the public to pay their last respect (AFP photo)

## Israeli children react strongly to Rabin's death

MACCABIM, Israel (R) — Frightened Israeli school-children drew coffins, crying clouds and broken hearts in class workshops and discussions Sunday which teachers hoped would soothe the shock of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's death.

The morning after the assassination, children across Israel began the day in sombre school assemblies where Israeli flags were lowered to half-mast. At Maoz Hamaccabim Primary School, 30 kilometres from Jerusalem, many wept as they sang one of Israel's best known melodies: The Song Of Peace — which Rabin himself sang at the Tel Aviv peace rally where he was gunned down Saturday.

"They feel terribly afraid. They don't know what will happen or why the leader of

Israel was killed. They were angry at the man who murdered him," said Hani Hyperman, a third-grade teacher.

But Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein told army radio that in a handful of schools some children had expressed delight Mr. Rabin was dead.

"The head of our psychological service said there were expressions of happiness in lower classes — and we are not talking about schools in (West Bank and Gaza) settlements or religious schools," he said, sounding shaken.

"We are talking about a minority, but this minority frightens us. These small children cannot hide the indoctrination they got at home," Mr. Rubinstein said. Children at the school in Maccabim, a well-to-do

suburb, used crayons and pens to express their feelings. A hinder was placed on a table in the hall for any written thoughts they wished to share.

Some pictures showed Mr. Rabin on a stage surrounded by a crowd — depicting the scene of the shooting. Several children in Ms. Hyperman's class drew coffins and wrote "Rabin" on them.

"They wrote condolence letters to (Rabin's) family and drew scary pictures and clouds that cry, and wrote on them 'I am angry'. One girl drew a broken heart," Ms. Hyperman said.

"They wrote letters to Rabin, saying what they think of him and noted that a man who was in favour of peace and against violence was killed."

Ms. Hyperman said her own son, Maoz, aged six,

was crying constantly and did not want to eat. He told his mother: "We do not have a commander for the country. Who will protect us now?"

Many of her pupils asked how it was possible for a Jew to kill another Jew, after learning the alleged killer was an Israeli law student.

"I cried today. He was a very good prime minister. He wanted peace," said Ido Cohen, an eight-year-old boy.

Gitit Raz, 12, said: "I feel strange, in shock. Suddenly he's gone. They told us in class the killer was crazy and thought he was doing the nation a favour. We all know that wasn't right."

"He thought he would stop the peace process, this way," she said. "He won't."

## Storm kills nearly 500 Filipinos; toll to mount

MANILA (R) — Super-typhoon Angela has killed nearly 500 people in the Philippines and the death toll will mount as rescue teams fight to dig out bodies from under the rubble of destroyed homes, relief officials said Monday.

At least 490 people are confirmed dead after Angela, packing peak winds of up to 270 kph (167 mph), battered the Bicol region at the southern end of Luzon Island and then sideswiped Manila, the Office of Civil Defence (OCD) said.

"This is only partial. It will go up. Most likely, it will top 500," OCD spokesperson Dolores Manio said by phone.

"I wish the death toll would stay at this level, but there are many areas that have not yet reported," she added.

Almost 50,000 houses and traditional palm thatch huts were demolished by the typhoon and damage to

crops and property has already passed two billion pesos (\$77 million).

The severe damage from Angela and tropical storm Zack last week has forced several analysts to prune their estimates on growth for the Philippine economy in 1995 from a government forecast of 6.0 per cent growth in gross national product (GNP).

"I figure it will be five per cent," Patrick Garcia of L.M. Garcia and Associates said in an interview. "It (the typhoon) will have a detrimental effect on GNP and inflation."

"It should lower the growth rate of the country," Jonas Ferrer, research chief of Pryce Securities, added. "If another typhoon like this hits us again, we're dead."

The typhoon is also seen pushing up inflation, which surged to a year-high of 11.8 per cent in September against the previous month's 8.4 per cent.

The analysis said Angela may also affect industrial output on Luzon Island, the industrial and commercial heartland of the country.

Interior Secretary Rafael Alunan Sunday compared the damage inflicted by Angela to a "miniature war" because of the widespread devastation of provinces in its path.

Rescue teams fought to reach areas cut off by floods and vicious winds that wiped out roads, raising the spectre of starvation for isolated hamlets with little or no food and no safe drinking water, relief workers said.

Over a dozen bridges crashed because of the typhoon and roads linking the area to capital Manila were washed away by swirling floodwaters, hampering the delivery of food and emergency supplies, officials said.

The putrid smell of rotting corpses permeated the air of

towns like Calauag, some 160 kilometres southeast of Manila, after they ran short of both coffins and formalin to preserve the corpses.

"What we need right now is food," a local official from the Bicol told a Manila radio station.

Of the total killed, 323 perished in the hard-hit Bicol region at the southern end of Luzon Island where Angela first hit.

"The damage is very extensive and severe in the Bicol region," Manio said. But many areas have failed to file their reports with the OCD after communications were knocked down by Angela's ferocious winds, she added.

In Manila, power in many areas has not yet been restored three days after Angela swept through the area. But life has returned largely to normal as Filipinos began reporting for work and flocked to shopping malls.

## More S. Korea firms to be summoned over scandal

SEOUL (R) — South Korean prosecutors, probing ex-President Roh Tae-Woo's slush fund, said Monday they were drawing up a list of business conglomerates suspected of topping up the disgraced former leader's coffers.

"After tracking bank accounts, some corporations suspected of having provided funds to former President Roh Tae-Won have been exposed," an official at the prosecutor-general's office said by telephone.

He declined to give the names of the corporations but said: "Today, prosecutors will make a decision on the standards and timing for summoning entrepreneurs believed to be connected with this scandal and begin investigating them in earnest."

The domestic Yonhap News Agency quoted an unidentified senior prosecutor as saying top executives of the giant Daewoo Group were being summoned later Monday over allegations the group helped Mr. Roh shift 30 billion won (\$39

million) from borrowed-name bank accounts into real-name accounts.

Daewoo Chairman Kim Woo-Chung, now on an overseas business trip, would be summoned as soon as he returned home, the prosecutor was quoted as saying.

Prosecutors could not confirm the report.

Mr. Roh, 62, made a tearful confession last month he amassed a \$654 million secret slush fund through donations from the country's leading business conglomerates, known as "chaebol", during his 1988-1993 tenure.

Prosecutors are trying to find out if Mr. Roh was telling the whole truth and investigating chaebol which took part in huge industrial or infrastructure projects during his term.

Local news media Monday said prosecutors were looking into the possibility that part of Mr. Roh's slush fund was hidden in real estate registered under borrowed names.

The main opposition National Congress for New

Politics decided to press for parliamentary hearings to dig out the whole truth of the scandal, a party spokesman said.

On Sunday Chuog Tae-Soo, chairman of the Hanbo Group, admitted his links to the \$654 million slush fund Mr. Roh amassed, giving investigators their first breakthrough.

Prosecutors said Mr. Chung confessed he received more than 50 billion won (\$65 million) from false-name accounts held by Mr. Roh, and used the money as capital for his business.

Mr. Chung was the first tycoon to be summoned. Hanbo was the shining corporate success story of Mr. Roh's term, going from an obscure construction firm to a top-20 firm involved in huge state infrastructure projects.

Yonhap has reported prosecutors this week would summon the heads or top executives of about 10 conglomerates, including the chairman of the Daewoo Group, the Dong Bang Group and the Sunkyong

Group. Dong Bang and Sunkyong are linked to rob by marriage to his children.

Prosecutors have said Mr. Roh's relatives could be the key to unlocking the secrets of where the ex-president's money is now stashed. They have asked the Foreign Ministry for help in searching through Swiss bank accounts.

Roh has said he still holds \$242 million, but prosecutors are not taking him at his word.

False-name bank accounts were outlawed two years ago by President Kim Young-Sam who, since his inauguration in February 1993, has vowed to stamp out corruption piled up during three decades of military-backed rule in the country.

The slush fund row, regarded as the country's largest-ever financial scandal, has triggered a storm of nationwide protests by students, dissidents and other citizens demanding punishment for Mr. Roh, a retired four-star general.

## Walesa praised after poll, but faces tough days ahead

WARSAW (R) — Polish President Lech Walesa Monday entered a last leg of campaigning for re-election, his stoog showing in the weekend's first round vote praised by allies and compared even by one avowed foe to a tank assault.

Mr. Walesa, who only months ago appeared to have little prospect of a second five-year term, made a remarkable comeback, capturing, according to preliminary results, 33.3 per cent of votes to ex-Communist Aleksander Kwasniewski's 34.8.

The rivals must now campaign for the votes of 11 eliminated candidates before a runoff on Nov. 19. Mr. Walesa appears well placed to benefit from an end to division on the right.

"Aleksander Kwasniewski and Lech Walesa drew well away from the other candidates and they both achieved success," the pro-Kwasniewski daily Trybuna said in an editorial.

Only a few months ago,

Mr. Walesa's popularity ratings dropped to single figures. Trybuna's recognition of his achievement, even if laced with heavy irony, was notable.

"Lech Walesa stormed like a tank and in just a few weeks rebuilt the electorate he had five years ago," it said.

Some newspapers said Mr. Walesa's comeback signalled voters were afraid a Kwasniewski victory would transfer all political power to the ruling left wing, already dominating government and parliament.

The pro-Walesa daily Zycie Warszawy said Poles would face a clear-cut choice in the second round.

"The choice is simply whether we want a Poland where the single political force again holds all the power behind the facade of democracy... or a Poland where citizens' rights are secured by pluralism and a balance of power," it said.

Mr. Kwasniewski's Democratic Left Alliance (SLD) already holds sway over parliament and govern-

ment. He has clearly scored significant successes in building up a strong party with a modern social democratic image that welds great influence in the country.

His personal appeal and sophistication establish him as a strong rival to Mr. Walesa whether he is successful or not in two weeks.

Analysts suggested Sunday's vote was the first since the partly free elections in 1989 that was not a protest vote but a conscious decision.

"The electorate proved resistant to demagoguery and showed greater maturity than in previous elections," the business daily Rzeczpospolita said. Extremist candidates won virtually no support from the electorate.

The two weeks to the second round will pit Mr. Walesa and Mr. Kwasniewski in a fierce competition for the third of the electorate who voted for the 11 other first round contenders, and analysts say arithmetics is on Mr.

Walesa's side.

Around 20 per cent of the remaining voters opted for centre or right-wing candidates, including the 8.7 per cent who picked centrist intellectual Jacek Kuron for third place.

The beaten contenders are mostly people who have broken angrily with their often difficult erstwhile friend and ally Walesa over the years but share the values they fought for together before toppling Communist rule in 1989.

Chiefs of Mr. Kuron's Union For Freedom (UW) party, descended from solidarity, said they were now likely to back Mr. Walesa.

Analysts say it will be much harder for Mr. Kwasniewski to broaden his electoral base.

A Kwasniewski victory would add Poland to a list of East European states which have seen a return to power of former Communists by voters wearied of radical economic change.

## ANC urges tight security in Kwazulu-Natal polls

DURBAN, South Africa (AP) — Fresh from triumphing local elections around most of the country, the African National Congress Sunday called for tight security when voting is finally held in strife-torn Kwazulu-Natal province next year.

The province was omitted from Wednesday's first all-race balloting for local and rural councils that swept away the last vestiges of white-minority rule, which was eliminated on the

national level with seminal democratic elections in April 1994.

Fighting between supporters of the ANC and the Zulu nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party in the province has claimed thousands of lives over the past decade. Disputes over election boundaries forced the postponement of voting until March 27.

Concluding a two-day provincial party congress Sunday, the ANC called on President Nelson Mandela's

government to ensure elections security and the arrest of anyone found disrupting the poll or intimidating voters or election officials.

The ANC claimed that traditional chiefs in some rural areas, most of whom are allied with Inkatha, had intimidated residents into not registering for the elections.

Kwazulu-Natal was one of only two of South Africa's nine provinces that Mr. Mandela's ANC failed to win in last year's voting.

The other, Western Cape, showed a massive shift away from the white-led National Party, which ruled under apartheid, towards the ANC in last week's polling.

However, voting has also been postponed until next spring in National Party-controlled Cape Town, South Africa's second-largest city after Johannesburg, due to boundary disputes.

## Haiti Senate clears Werleigh as first woman leader

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (R) — The Senate approved Claudette Werleigh as Haiti's first woman Prime Minister Sunday, one of the last major hurdles before she is confirmed as Haiti's new premier.

The Chamber of Deputies is due to debate Ms. Werleigh's appointment Monday. A majority is needed for ratification.

Fourteen senators approved Ms. Werleigh's nomination with three abstentions and none against. The vote followed six hours of debate after Ms. Werleigh presented her policy priorities in a speech to the upper chamber.

Ms. Werleigh, 49, was acting minister of foreign affairs when Prime Minister Smark Michel resigned on Oct. 16 over differences with President Jean-Bertrand Aristide on privatisation of Haiti's national industries.

Samuel Madistin, vice-president of the Senate, chastised Ms. Werleigh for not being clear on the privatisation issue in her address, a major policy statement meant to give lawmakers an idea of how she plans to run the country.

"The last decision on privatisation will come after all the forces in the nation have commenced a national debate," Ms. Werleigh said.

Privatisation is critical for Haiti. Donor nations in January pledged more than \$1 billion in aid on the condition that Haiti could sell or lease nine state-owned enterprises.

Ms. Werleigh said her priorities would be literacy, agrarian reform, increasing national production and revitalising the Tourism Industry.

Haiti, the Western hemisphere's poorest nation, has an illiteracy rate of more than 80 per cent.

## Ireland frees 4 more IRA prisoners

DUBLIN (R) — Four Irish Republican guerrillas were released early from a Dublin jail Monday as part of the Irish government's attempts to further the Northern Ireland peace process.

Two of them went straight to court for an extradition hearing in which Britain will press for them to be handed over for another trial.

Nessan Quinlivan and Pearse McCauley shot their way out of a London jail in 1991 while awaiting trial on charges of conspiracy to murder and cause explosions.

They were arrested in

Ireland two years later and sentenced to four and six-year sentences for arms possession.

Quinlivan and McCauley are regarded by Britain as key members of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) and their escape from jail caused a furore. They were accused of conspiring to murder British brewery executive Sir Charles Tibbitts in 1990.

They are expected to contest efforts to have them extradited and the procedure could go on for months.

The two other IRA prisoners freed Monday before completing their jail sen-

tences were from Duhlin and were serving 10 and 12 years respectively for armed robbery.

The releases brought to 36 the number of IRA prisoners granted early freedom by the Irish government over the past 18 months.

Rival Republican and Protestant guerrillas declared ceasefires last year in their 25-year battle over British rule of Northern Ireland. But the search for a permanent political settlement is deadlocked over British demands that both sides hand in their weapons before peace talks can start.

## Hanoi expels 2 Vietnamese-Americans

HANOI (R) — Vietnam has expelled two Vietnamese-Americans jailed in August for plotting to overthrow the government, Vietnamese and U.S. officials said Monday, removing an obstacle to improved trade ties between Hanoi and Washington.

A Vietnamese official in Ho Chi Minh City, who asked not to be named, said Nguyen Tan Thi and Tran Quang Liem had been deported from Vietnam Sunday morning, within hours of an announcement by the official Vietnam News Agency (VNA) of Hanoi's decision to expel them.

The move was confirmed by a U.S. embassy spokesman in Hanoi who said the pair had been placed on a flight to Bangkok before being set back to the United States. The spokesman said he

did not have details of their expected arrival time in the United States, but understood the pair were flying to Los Angeles.

Mr. Thi and Mr. Liem were first arrested in November of 1993, and placed on trial in Ho Chi Minh City in August. They were sentenced along with seven Vietnamese nationals to varying prison terms on subversion charges.

The decision to deport them marks an about-turn for Hanoi which had earlier indicated they would have to serve their full prison sentences before being expelled.

It also follows pressure from Washington, which had criticised the decision to jail them saying the pair were "peacefully" asserting their political views.

The United States added at the time that such behaviour would make it harder

for Hanoi to win trade benefits it seeks from Congress.

U.S. diplomats and business executives in Hanoi declined comment on the case Monday, but the move, which came on the eve of a series of visits by U.S. trade representatives and cultural groups to Hanoi, was welcomed in private by members of the American community in the Vietnamese capital.

"Obviously when one of the designated human rights candidates gets freed it removes a potential problem," said one business executive, who refused to be named.

"It's a good step, it'll take away another obstacle," he added.

The United States formally established full diplomatic ties with Vietnam in Aug. 20 years after the end of the Vietnam War.

## Armenia's nuclear plant starts generating electricity again

YEREVAN (R) — An Armenian nuclear power plant near the capital Yerevan has started generating electricity again after lying idle for over six years following a devastating 1988 earthquake, a government spokesman said.

The first block of the reactor, located in Metsamor, 25 kilometres south-west of Yerevan, began pro-

ducing 50 megawatts of electricity a day Sunday, the spokesman told Reuters.

But Yerevan's residents, starved of heat and light, were still receiving electricity for only about an hour a day.

The power station, with a capacity of 450 megawatts a day, would gradually increase output as winter takes hold in this Trans-ca-

casian republic, the spokesman said.

The Metsamor plant was undamaged by the 1988 earthquake that killed over 25,000 people, but it was subsequently closed due to public worries about its safety.

The government, facing a crisis due to chronic electricity shortages, decreed in 1993 it would be reopened.



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## Cause that lives

THERE WERE many ominous signals in the past that extremism in Israel was getting out of control. But all these signals remained unheeded. The assassin of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was not just Yigal Amir, who pulled the trigger Saturday and pumped three bullets into him. The profile of the killer shows beyond a shadow of doubt that what stood behind Amir was a movement nurtured on hate, fanaticism, and overzealous attachment to a dangerous dream otherwise known as "greater Israel" encompassing all the occupied Arab territories.

The assassin himself is said to be a member of a shadowy group of hardliners called Eyal, an acronym for the "Fighting Jewish Organisation," which appears to be an offshoot of the racist anti-Arab Kach movement founded by Meir Kahane. Eyal was also affiliated with another hawkish faction called the "Swords of David," which made its intentions known well in advance when it issued clear threats that Rabin must die. All these splinter groups, which found comfort and support in the posture of the Likud Party and other rightists against giving up the West Bank, were devout believers in the notion that Jews have a Biblical hithright to all of former Palestine. Many armed Jewish settlers are part and parcel of this movement whose leaders also called on the Israeli armed forces to disobey military orders over redeployment in the West Bank in accordance with the Oslo II agreement.

In retrospect, the Kach member who massacred 29 Palestinian worshippers in Hebron's Al Ibrahim Mosque in 1994 was no different from the new assassin Amir. The same goes for the religious fanatic who tried to burn down the Al Aqsa Mosque in 1968 in order to make room for the reconstruction of the so-called Temple Mount synagogue and for the right-wing extremist who threw a hand grenade on a Peace Now movement rally in 1983, killing one person, Emil Grunzweig, and injuring several others. It came as no surprise, therefore, that Amir told the police that he acted on God's orders and that he had no regrets over what he did. The only surprise was the failure by the late prime minister, his government and the Israeli security apparatus to take such threats seriously enough and do something about them.

The anatomy of Israeli extremism is such that it should not have been taken lightly, or even encouraged, before the very eyes of Israeli government and security forces. Above all the followers of all the radical factions in Israel should not have been allowed to carry arms and act as bandits, particularly in the occupied territories. What started as verbal abuse against the peace activists in the region ended up as physical violence without an iota of repentance. Rabin thus became the principal victim of a phenomenon that should have been checked long ago.

As the body of the prime minister was laid to rest yesterday, all manifestations of extremism should have been obvious to all the world leaders who paid homage to him. It is incumbent on those leaders, particularly the Israelis, to join and step up the fight against fanaticism and extremism and to make additional commitments to advance the cause of peace.

### ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

WHILE EXPRESSING regret over the death of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and condemnation of all forms of acts of terror, Al Ra'i Arabic daily Monday blamed the Israeli government for not acting in advance to stem the hostile spirit of the extremists against peace. The Israeli government, which has witnessed or condoned similar acts of terrorism practised by the Jewish settlers against the Arabs, should have taken drastic measures to deter such actions and should have prevented the settlers and other extremist elements from carrying weapons, said the daily. The extremists were allowed to stage hostile marches and protests against the Arabs, against peace and against Rabin who they described as a Nazi leader working against the Zionists interests, said the paper. The behaviour has created an atmosphere within the Israeli society filled with hatred towards not only the Palestinians but also towards the ruling Labour-led government, added the paper.

IN THE view of Mohammad Kawash, a columnist in Al Dustour, Rabin's murderer Yigal Amir was the natural product of a society filled with malice, extremism and hatred towards the world. The terrorist was born to a society inclined towards waging war on the Arabs and occupying their lands and treating the Palestinians with the utmost forms of cruelty, a policy that has helped to keep the Jewish society in Israel somewhat united, said the writer. Once the Israeli government opted for peace with the Arabs, it opened the way for splits within this society whose extremist elements have obviously chosen to disregard dialogue and other forms of democracy and resort to force to have their own way, he continued. The murder of Rabin signals the beginning of the decadence of the Israeli society which has fomented and fostered hatred and malice against the Arab people in general and the Palestinians in particular, said the writer.

## The View from Fourth Circle

# Yitzhak Rabin's complex political and human legacy

By Rami G. Khouri

THE ASSASSINATION of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Saturday and his very moving burial yesterday have unleashed a torrent of accolades whose emotionalism is understandable in terms of the human loss to his family and his countrymen and women, but whose historicity will require rather more time to be accurately judged. I sincerely join all those who have expressed their condolences to the Rabin family and to the people of Israel on the loss of a man with remarkable leadership qualities. He should not have died like this. He deserved to live out his life and to see and enjoy the full fruits of the peace process that he had personally initiated along with other Israeli and Arab leaders.

The full implications and context of his death will be determined by the passage of time, and the verdict of history. That historical record, from the Arab perspective, is mixed, but, I would argue, is also largely favourable to him and to his personal and political legacy. His assassination speaks much about his own person and about the condition of Israeli society. It is important for us to try to sort out all aspects of what his life represented, so that we may continue to build upon his positive contributions to modern Middle Eastern history while containing and minimising the more problematic aspects of his career and politics. We need to apply the same criteria in assessing his life as he applied in conducting it: the triumph of reason over emotionalism, and of peace-making over militarism and warfare.

The first thing that strikes me about this assassination in political terms is that it represents a sad, tragic yet probably inevitable Middle Easternisation of Israeli political culture. The fact that this is the first assassination of an Israeli national leader by an Israeli citizen reflects the ugly ascendancy of the politics of militant absolutism within Israeli society. Assassinations themselves are not necessarily a fatal blow to democracy, as the American experience shows; theological militarism, ideological absolutism and territorial exclusivism, however, are very serious political ailments that plague much of our beloved Middle East, of which Israel is becoming an integral part.

The right-wing violence and messianic extremism that defined Mr. Rabin's assassin did not emanate from a historical vacuum. The politics of Zionist colonialism that was manifested most dramatically in the expansion of armed Jewish settlements in occupied Palestinian lands since 1967 has been clearly defended and often militarily and economically protected by policies of successive Labour- and Likud-led governments. The tragedy of Mr. Rabin's assassination should not blind us to the historical reality of the Labour Party's active acquiescence in the growth and political power of the rightist camp in Israel. The manner in which Mr. Rabin's peace-making government had shielded the armed colonist-settlers from the dictates of Zionist redeployment during the last two years

of the Oslo peace process is a stark historical fact that will not disappear before the many positive aspects of his character. How the Zionist right's substantial power in Israel plays itself out remains to be seen.

It has been obvious for years that the ideological clash between the Labour and Likud factions within Israeli political life would not simply fade away, but rather would lead to a more violent confrontation. I and others have suggested that an Israeli civil war was inevitable, and this killing is, sadly, one of its most serious results. It is unlikely to be its only or its last manifestation.

After a period of mourning and of paying respects to Mr. Rabin's memory, Israeli society is going to have to deal with the consequences of having allowed the colonial and militaristic mentality of Israeli rightists to expand over the last several decades. A major ideological battle is being waged in Israel today between those forces of compromise and reason that Mr. Rabin represented, and those forces of absolutism and extremism that the Likud and its crazed rightist militaristic sympathisers represent. It is unpleasant to see Israelis fighting out an ideological battle by subjugating Arabs or by killing each other, but this is precisely what we are witnessing within Israel today. For the sake of the Israeli people and for all the people of our region, we should hope that the ideological civil war in Israel is brief and non-violent. But we would be naive to expect it to disappear quickly.

Our hope is that the brand of realism that Mr. Rabin represented will triumph over the fanaticism of the loonie right. A similar ideological struggle has been waged within Arab society for several decades, and has resulted, to date, in the triumph of Arab realism and moderation, as represented by the policies to leaders such as King Hussein and President Arafat. These are not easy policies to pursue, because they require people to make compromises and choices that they would normally prefer to avoid. Most of the Arab countries involved have suffered their own civil wars, in various forms, with various degrees of violence, and at various moments of modern history. Now it is Israel's turn. This civil war is both the perplexing price of membership in the Middle Eastern club of modern Oriental political culture, and history's cruel revenge for having appeased the militant right for so many decades.

The Labour Party's legacy is very mixed. The personal legacy of Mr. Rabin is far more positive. Despite Mr. Rabin's long track record of the use of severe violence against Palestinians and other Arabs during most of his life, including his particularly vulgar and ineffective "iron fist" policy in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, his greatest legacy is that he understood and grasped the historical moment when Israel had to assure its security by political rather than by military means. Mr. Rabin was a dedicated professional soldier who fought bravely in several wars. His greatest achievement is that he under-

stood the limits of soldiering; he recognised the point beyond which military might alone could not assure Israel's security. He was able to appreciate the importance of Israeli recognition of the national rights of the Palestinians as a prerequisite for genuine peace, and he mustered the political courage to lead his people into a political compromise with the Palestinians that also triggered a peace agreement with Jordan and a gradual movement towards reconciliation and peaceful coexistence with the other Arab states in this region.

We should posthumously acknowledge the historical importance of Mr. Rabin's realisation that he could not forever preserve the security of Israel or the Jewish people by the force of arms, or by perpetual physical occupation of Arab lands. These are not easy positions for an Israeli general to adopt, but Mr. Rabin adopted them in the end because he allowed his humanism to triumph over his infatuation with the power of guns and the insecurity of Jews. I suspect that the majority of Israelis share his views, and this is why he could consistently carry a small majority of Israelis in his peace-making policies. I hope we can believe — as I do — that the accolades now being poured on Mr. Rabin do not necessarily distinguish or separate him from the rest of his countrymen and women, but rather mirror the rational, peace-and-justice sentiments that define the majority of Israelis. It was to his credit that he seized the historical opportunity to give his people the chance to validate his cautious moves towards peace through recognition of the national reality of the Palestinian people and the PLO, and his determination to make just peace with the other neighbouring Arab states.

The intellectual, moral and historical force that will forever define Mr. Rabin's legacy, and that causes me and others in the Arab World to mourn his loss, is change. He changed for the better as he grew, and he matured politically as he assumed national power and responsibility. He understood the primacy of Palestinian and Arab dignity and justice as determinants of Middle East peace and security, and he was as important as military means and strategic security doctrines. He was convinced that change for the better would also define the peace processes that he had unleashed with King Hussein and Yasser Arafat, despite many people's uneasiness with the logistics and specifics of those peace processes. He understood before he died that soldiering was a vocation, that warfare was even an inevitability that plagued Arab and Israeli states, but that justice — even achieved slowly and incrementally — was a far more important value that defined the Arab and Israeli people and their shared Semitic cultural legacy. He ended his life on a complex note of realism, patience, humanism, determination, and hope; in doing so, at the end of his long and rich career he probably set the best example of his life. Let us hope that his example has left a permanent mark on his people.

## Rabin is victim of 'messianic' violence

By Michael Jansen

AS THEY buried their slain Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Israelis began to criticise the "climate of violence" in their society which encouraged Rabin's assassin to strike, and, among a certain constituency, gave legitimacy to his action.

For many Israelis the most shocking aspect of the aftermath of the assassination was the fact that a minority of schoolchildren celebrated Rabin's killing when they returned to classes on Sunday morning. Headmasters called upon the government to "provide counselling" for such pupils.

Although leaders of the militant settler movement, like Rabbi Eleazer Waldman of Kiryat Arab near Hebron, condemned the act of assassination, they continued to condemn Rabin's policy of "giving away the Land of Israel," and were totally unrepentant in their criticisms.

Interior Minister Ehud Barak, the former armed forces chief-of-staff, regretted past inaction against violent elements and stated that people who committed verbal or physical violence against politicians

are during demonstrations would be prosecuted.

And Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein, speaking from Tel Aviv shortly after the murder, blamed the Likud and other right-wing parliamentary opposition parties for legitimising abusive behaviour towards politicians who support the peace process.

Although the Likud leader, Benjamin Netanyahu, attempted to fend off such accusations, Israeli analysts expect there will be a popular backlash against the opposition for its excesses, a backlash which Labour hopes might give it victory in the 1996 Knesset elections. (This backlash would, however, have to be sustained for many months because an election can only take place 100 days after the dissolution of parliament.)

Violence has always been an aspect of Israeli society, violence against Arab and Palestinians, violence against the British during the colonial period and violence among Jews. Moshe Menahem, writing about his boyhood in Tel Aviv before World War I, was repelled by the violence of the Ultraorthodox against secular Jews.

Rabin himself contributed to the "climate of violence" and the appetite for violence when, as defence minister during the opening months of the intifada, he ordered young recruits to beat Palestinian demonstrators and "break their bones." Rabin also contributed to the climate of violence by dehumanising Israeli's Arab opponents by calling them

perpetrating. This violence was first directed by right-wing supporters of the war against left-wing opponents. The violence climaxed in February 1983 when rightists threw a grenade at a Peace Now march and killed a protesting paratrooper, Emil Grunzweig, who had served in Lebanon in spite of his opposition to war. It was during this

this has deterred the present Labour government from taking action against these groupings and individuals.

The violence that killed Rabin can be categorised as "messianic," the violence of those who believe Israel is the "Land God Promised the Jewish People" and for whom the return of any land to its native Palestinians is anathema. This type of violence flowed from the characterisation as "miraculous" Israel's victory over the Arabs and conquest of the West Bank and Gaza in 1967. A majority of Israelis came to depict Israel's success in the so-called six-day war as "a miracle" which enabled them to secure the "eternal Land of Israel," which, should, because God-given, never be alienated. The Israeli religious establishment adopted the victory as a modern "miracle" and moved to the right of the political spectrum. The Labour Party encouraged Israelis to think in such terms and the Likud, after it came to power, solidified attitudes by calling the West Bank "Judea and Samaria," a practice Labour continued after it came to power in 1992.

Thus, it is not surpris-

ing that a young Orthodox Jew, trained at a seminary and studying for a university degree at the religious Bar Ilan University, should strike out at a leader accused by the messianic and ultra-nationalist camps of "giving away" portions of the "Land of Israel," and of believing that God "perhaps" had a hand in the assassination.

Although the Likud and other right-wing parties are now expected to trim their rhetoric and try to lower the temperature in the political debate now taking place in Israel, it is unlikely that they will pacify their followers for long because the debate is seen by them, and by the peace camp, as existential: a debate on whether there is a Jewish state in a small Israel or, a Biblical-style Jewish state in the "whole Land of Israel." It will be in vain to hope that this debate will remain cool during the coming election campaign, though the security forces may now try to contain the most violent elements in the society. Too late to save the life of Yitzhak Rabin and, perhaps, too late to inhibit further polarisation in Israeli society and to save the peace process.

## Rabin slaying raises questions about peace process

By Nicolas B. Tatro  
The Associated Press

TEL AVIV — The assassin's bullet may slow Israel's plans to withdraw from the West Bank, but it is not expected to halt the peace process.

At least initially, the slaying of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has paralysed Israel, and it may take weeks for Shimon Peres, the new leader, to quell the internal turmoil.

The key question is whether Mr. Peres can sustain the existing government, which holds a one-vote majority in the 120-seat parliament, without entering into extended political negotiations.

If so, Mr. Peres will not hesitate to move quickly to fulfill the Israel-PLO plan for ending Israel's occupation of West Bank towns and villages and holding Palestinian elections before Jan. 20.

"You cannot kill the noble and great idea of peace. There is nothing else we can do as comrades, as friends, but to continue along a great road paved by a great leader," Mr. Peres told reporters.

In that, Mr. Peres has a willing partner in Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader who made clear his concern that the killing of Mr. Rabin would not be a

pretext for freezing the process just as Israel was poised to leave the first major city on Nov. 19.

"I hope that... the Israelis and the Palestinians have the ability to overcome this tragedy against the peace process and the whole situation in the Middle East," Mr. Arafat told reporters.

Palestinian sources said the shooting heightened concern that Mr. Arafat would become a target for Jewish settlers, and the Palestinian leader ordered his security forces on heightened alert.

The most likely scenario was that in the short term the Israeli-Palestinian peace

process would gain momentum, in part because the right-wing opposition will have suffered a blow to its credibility.

"The peace process isn't going to be derailed," said Ariel Merari, a Tel Aviv University expert on political violence. "On the contrary, the assassination will make violent opposition in Israel less powerful than before."

Yossi Alpher, a political scientist, said delay of the peace process would depend in large measure on whether Israeli elections — set for November 1996 — would be held early.

"If there are early elections, it might conceivably

cause a freeze in the process," he said. "On the other hand it may produce a wave of support for the process. It is too early to say."

In the longer term, Mr. Peres lacks Mr. Rabin's ability to call on a military background to lend credibility to his decision-making. Mr. Rabin was a former chief of staff who spent 28 years in uniform while Mr. Peres does not have battlefield experience.

Insiders suggest Mr. Peres may be able to shore up his position by giving the defence ministry job — which Mr. Rabin kept for himself — to the interior minister, former army chief

of staff Ehud Barak.

If so, the government may be able to enter the next phases of the peace process — negotiations with Syria and talks with the Palestinians on the final status of Jewish settlements, Jerusalem, borders and refugees. The talks on final status are scheduled to start next May.

A government official who spoke on condition of anonymity said the West Bank withdrawal could be slowed by a matter of days but that it was likely the end-of-year deadline would be met for completing the pullback and arranging Palestinian elections before Jan. 20.



## Two Algerians indicted for bombings in France

PARIS (Agencies) — Two Algerians were indicted on Monday in connection with a wave of terrorist bombings across France which have killed seven people and wounded nearly 200 since last July 25.

The two were each charged in connection with different attacks in the series of eight bombings and attempted bombings blamed on the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), which is fighting to overthrow the military-backed Algerian government and blames France for backing the Algerian regime.

Anti-terrorist Judge Jean-Louis Bruguiere charged Omar Allaoui, alias Smain Ait Ali Belkacem, 27, with attempted murder for an attack on a Paris underground train last month which injured 28 people, judicial sources said.

Mr. Allaoui was one of three men arrested last Thursday at Villeneuve d'Ascq, near Lille in northern France, for allegedly planning to bomb a market in the northern French city.

Judge Bruguiere also indicted Boualem Bensaid, 28 — whose arrest last week preceded a number of arrests in France and London — with an October 6 blast at the Maison Blanche metro station in Paris.

Bensaid was also charged by Magistrate Laurence le Vert with involvement in planning a bomb that failed to go off on a Paris-Lyon high-speed TGV train line last August, near Lyon.

Police have said his fingerprints were found on gas canisters left on the railway line and at the scene of the Maison Blanche blast.

The Maison Blanche blast was believed to be in retaliation for the police killing of Algerian-born terrorist suspect Khaled Kelkal in a village west of Lyon of the same name.

Kelkal's fingerprints were also found on the gas canister bomb left on the high-speed railway line.

Scotland Yard meanwhile maintained the heat on London's Algerian Islamic community after a spate of weekend arrests in connection with attacks in France claimed by Muslim fundamentalists.

A spokeswoman said two men arrested Saturday under Britain's Prevention of Terrorism Act, and an unspecified number arrested on Sunday, were all still in custody midday Monday.

She declined to give their names or nationalities. But one detained Saturday was identified by police sources as Abdul Kader Benouis, also known as Abu Fares. The British press said the second one was Farouk Deneche.

Mr. Abu Fares, considered by Algeria as a long-time member of the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), was sentenced to death in absentia in Algeria in connection with a 1992 attack that killed nine and injured 123 at the Algiers airport.

Parisian authorities considered him one of the brains behind the blasts in France since July.

Algerian sources said Mr. Abu Fares is close to purported GIA head Djamel Zitouni.

Farouk Deneche was said in press reports to be the brother of Abdul Karim Deneche, an Algerian suspected in the first Paris bombing in July, and who Sweden has refused to extradite to France.

The Scotland Yard spokeswoman declined to say how many persons were arrested on Sunday, but said the raids included the seizure of unspecified "documents."

The suspects were being held in London's high-security Paddington Green jail under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, which allows detention for periods of up to 48 hours without charge or warrant.

A special order from the Home Office would be required to extend the detention without charge, but then only to a maximum of five additional days. There was no indication that an extension had been requested.

The British press said the suspects were to be questioned by French police and investigating magistrates expected in London on Monday. But Scotland Yard denied this, saying only that they were "liaising with French police."

Neither Scotland Yard nor the Home Office would comment on reports of international arrest warrants or a French extradition request concerning any of those being held.

British press reports, quoting intelligence sources, said Mr. Abu Fares had asked Britain for political asylum about a year ago and has been living here on public assistance while his case is under consideration.

The reports said he headed the London extremist Arabic language underground newspaper Al Ansar, considered to be a voice of the GIA.

Al Ansar, distributed principally outside London mosques after Friday prayers, has called for the assassination of Westerners and Algerian government representatives.

The weekend arrests were seen as a sign that Britain, accused by France and by Arab ambassadors here of having too soft an approach to extremists, was adopting a more heavy-handed attitude.

The arrests came three days after Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind warned he intended to take "a very, very hard line" against Islamic extremists seeking to promote terrorism from British soil.

It was, said Mr. Rifkind, "out of the question that Great Britain should become an exporter of terrorism."

## Crown Prince pays tribute to Rabin, says faith in peace is stronger than violence

AMMAN (Petra) — Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath on Monday visited the residence of the Israeli ambassador to Jordan to offer their condolences over the death of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Writing in the condolences register in his name and on behalf of Princess Sarvath, Prince Hassan said: "We in Jordan are disgusted by repetition of these foolish and barbaric acts of violence. These feelings are only overcome by our inalienable faith in and commitment to peace, righteousness and justice. We are certain that these values were dear to the late Israeli prime minister."

Prince Hassan told the press that he was grieved and pained by the loss of Mr. Rabin, who "contributed to the success of the peace process and paid his life as a price for it."



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on Monday signs the condolences register at the residence of the Israeli ambassador in Amman. Behind the Crown Prince are (left to right) Deputy Chief of Mission at the Israeli embassy Jacob Rosen, the Crown Prince's secretary Samir Rifai and the German Ambassador Heinrich Reiner.

He added that the presence of heads of state and prime ministers at the funeral of Mr. Rabin emphasises the seriousness of the world countries' commitment to achieving peace in the region.

Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath were received at the ambassador's residence by Israeli Charge d'Affaires Jacob Rosen and the ambassador's wife. The ambassador, Shimon Shamir, accompanied His Majesty King Hussein on his trip to West Jerusalem to attend Mr. Rabin's funeral.

## Jordan loses partner in peace

By Rana Sabbagh  
Reuters

AMMAN — The assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has deprived Jordan of a trusted partner in its drive to expand the peace it reached with the Jewish state into a wider Middle East settlement.

"I personally have lost a true friend in this region," King Hussein said in a letter to Israeli President Ezer Weizman, "I shall always remember him as my dedicated colleague and fellow shepherd of the Jordanian-Israeli peace process."

The King himself appears confident that Shimon Peres, who took over as caretaker prime minister, will stick to the path of his predecessor.

But the King will miss the rapport he built with Rabin over reaching the October 1994 peace treaty.

Both showed pragmatism, urging their people to topple psychological barriers and take calculated risks for peace.

But many Jordanians remain hostile to Israel and

the peace treaty, which has failed to bring rapid economic gains.

And the assassination of Rabin by a Jewish student who supported Jewish settlement on Palestinian land has raised questions about the pace of the U.S.-driven Middle East peace process ahead of Israeli general elections in 1996.

"Jordanian officials seem worried because they do not know what will happen next in Israel, and how this could affect broader peace in the region, which they still need," a senior western diplomat told Reuters.

It could delay progress on other Arab-Israeli deals that Jordan feels it needs to cement its own peace accord.

This concerns Jordanian officials, the diplomat said.

"They are raising many uncertainties that could lead ahead, including fear of internal feuds in the Labour Party, whether Peres can

match Rabin's leadership qualities to take crucial decisions on the rest of the Arab peace tracks, and if he can set up a stable government until elections are

held in late 1996."

The peace process with the Palestinians is still not entirely guaranteed.

Although Israeli troop redeployments in the West Bank were negotiated in the latest agreement with the PLO in September, difficult talks loom next year on the "final status" of the Palestinian entity and the future of Jerusalem.

Talks are also stalled with Syria. Israel is deeply divided about returning the Golan Heights, captured in the 1967 Middle East war.

Jordanian officials believe that anger in Israel at the killing of Rabin could boost Labour and Peres, who although he lacks Rabin's vote-catching power at home is more popular in most Arab capitals.

"The attack occurred during a pro-peace rally," said Fayez Al Tarawneh, Jordan's ambassador to the United States and its former chief peace negotiator.

"This might prod a large number of Israelis who still stand on the edge of the two camps to choose the peace camp," he said.

"It could well be to their

(Labour's advantage."

Since their peace deal, Jordan and Israel have opened borders, exchanged ambassadors and reached cooperation accords. But the process still has far to go.

This was evident in the streets after Rabin's killing.

There were a few signs of sorrow in a country where many see their strategic interests better protected by close alliance with the rest of the Arab World rather than with Israel.

Jordanians generally still view Israel as an occupier which is reluctant to accommodate Palestinian rights to nationhood and to withdraw from the rest of the occupied Arab territories in Syria and Lebanon.

The Islamic Action Front, which with other independent allies holds a third of the 80 seats in Parliament and has tried to sabotage the treaty, said the Arabs should not shed tears over Rabin's loss since he was the one who fought them and occupied their territories.

## King reaffirms pledge to stay course of peace

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to me, speaking of peace, speaking about dreams and hopes for generations to come that must live in peace, enjoy human dignity, come together work together to build a better future that is our right.

"Never in all my thoughts would it occur to me that my first visit to Jerusalem in response to your invitation, the invitation of the speaker of the Knesset, the invitation of the president of Israel, would be on such an occasion.

"You lived as a soldier. You died as a soldier for peace, and I believe it is time for all of us to come out openly and to speak of peace. Not here today but for all the times to come. We belong to the camp of peace. We believe in peace. We believe that our one God wishes us to live in peace and wishes peace upon us. For these are His teachings to all the followers of the three great monotheistic religions, the children of Abraham.

"Let's not keep silent. Let our voices rise high to speak of our commitment to peace for all times to come and let us tell those who live in darkness who are the enemies of light and true faith and religion and the teachings of our

one God. This is where we stand. This is our camp.

"Maybe God will bless you with the realisation that you must join it, and we pray that you will. But otherwise we are not ashamed, nor are we afraid, nor are we anything but determined to conclude the legacy for which my friend fell as did my grandfather in this very city when I was with him as but a young boy.

"He was a man of courage, a man of vision, and he was endowed with one of the greatest virtues that any man can have. He was endowed with humility.

"He had courage. He had vision, and he had a commitment to peace. And, standing here, I commit before you, before my people in Jordan, and before the world, myself to continue to do the utmost to ensure that we shall leave a similar legacy.

"And when my time comes. I hope it will be like my grandfather's, and like Yitzhak Rabin's.

"So many live and so many inevitably die. This is the will of God. This is the way of the world. But those who are fortunate and lucky in life are those who leave something behind. And you are such a man, my friend.

"The peaceful people in the majority of my country, of the Armed Forces and people who once were your enemies are sadder today and their hearts are heavy. Let us hope and pray that God will give us all guidance each in his respective position to do what He can for the better future that Yitzhak Rabin sought.

"As long as I live I will be proud to have known him to have worked with him as a brother, as a friend, and as a man. And the relationship of friendship we had was something unique and I am proud of that."

Earlier King Hussein expressed his condolences to the wife of the slain Israeli prime minister.

"There are no words that can express one's feelings at the sense of personal loss that I have over a friend, of a colleague, of a man I admired and respected," he told Israeli radio.

"Condolences from all of us who belong to the peace camp," he said after paying his respects to Leah Rabin.

"We feel committed to pursue the same path to remain committed to his memory and accomplish our duty to future generations," said the King.

## Arafat mourns 'brave friend'

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occupied Arab territories, said a band of hatred had struck down Mr. Rabin.

"Once again the cruel band of intolerance and hatred has struck down a leader who had the courage to choose the path of peace out of the wilderness of endless war," the WCC declared in a statement from its general secretary, Konrad Reiser.

"Israel, the Middle East and the world are impoverished by this ignominious deed and the loss it has caused," said Mr. Reiser, also a leader of Germany's evangelical church.

"As prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin was wise enough to see that in these lands, considered holy by those who follow the three Abrahamic faiths, there must be room for all and a way to live together in peace.

"May God grant that those who resist such a choice take this tragedy as a warning and as an opportunity to turn towards the promise of a common future for Israel and its neighbours," the statement added.

Several Gulf Arab news-

papers said they expected acting Mr. Peres to pursue the peace process more vigorously than Mr. Rabin.

"The Middle East peace process will not be very much affected by Rabin's disappearance," the United Arab Emirates paper Al Bayan said. "It's true Rabin was prime minister but the real architect of this process is Shimon Peres."

"Peres will now realise that his only chance to win the next legislative elections is to reach a comprehensive peace. It can be foreseen that he will take rapid and more effective initiatives," Al Bayan said.

The Saudi newspaper Al Bilad said, "Shimon Peres will without a doubt pursue the peace policy of his predecessor, especially because he is more favourable to it and has always shown more flexibility in the negotiations.

In Doha, the Qatari newspaper Al Arab said "military men like Rabin, who made war on the Arabs, cannot achieve a just and comprehensive peace.

## Settlers rejoice

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capital are delighted over the assassination of Mr. Rabin.

A poll conducted by Akhbar newspaper on Sunday showed that 64 per cent of city residents "felt satisfied" over Mr. Rabin's death "because of his responsibility" for the killing of Shabazi.

Another 31.2 per cent of the residents said they felt "indifferent" about Mr. Rabin's fate and 4.8 had "no special feelings," according to the daily.

However, 55.6 per cent of those questioned were not aware of the former prime minister's official post, 20 per cent did not know him and the rest either thought he was Israel's president or "minister of war."

Kuwaiti commentators made sharply divided assessments of assassinated Rabin, with some mourning a visionary and others denouncing a terrorist.

## World bids farewell to Yitzhak Rabin

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The ceremony drew to Jerusalem not only the leaders of the West, but also King Hussein, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and ministers from Oman and Qatar, countries without ties to Israel.

The unprecedented turnout also showed that Israel, considered a pariah state by many only a few years ago, has secured its place among the nations as a result of Mr. Rabin's peace agreements with Jordan and the Palestinians.

President Clinton affectionately recalled Mr. Rabin's lack of pretense and formality. Mr. Rabin, who always preferred the company of gruff soldiers to that of diplomats, had come to a black-tie dinner in Washington in September without the black tie.

"So he borrowed one, and I was privileged to straighten it for him," said Mr. Clinton, wearing a black skullcap. "To him, ceremonies and words were less important than deeds."

Mr. Rabin's widow, Leah, who had wept through most of the speeches, smiled at hearing Mr. Clinton's recollection.

But Mr. Rabin's granddaughter, 17-year-old Noa Ben-Artzi, said: "How can you console a whole nation when grandma has not stopped weeping?"

"You are our hero, lone wolf," the red-haired, freckled girl said, weeping as she spoke of the intensely private man.

"You were so wonderful," she said. "Ones greater than I have eulogised you, but none knew the softness of your career as I. For that half-smile of yours that always said everything, the smile that is no longer there. There is no feeling of revenge in me for the pain does not allow the space."

Leaving the podium in tears, she was hugged by her brother, Yonatan, dressed in an olive-drab paratrooper's uniform and red beret. Mr. Rabin was being laid

to rest in the city where he was born 73 years ago, and for which he had fought as a 26-year-old brigade commander in the 1948 war.

The coffin was carried about 200 metres to the gravesite in a pine glade. The flag was removed from casket and then it was lowered into the grave. Members of the burial society scooped earth into containers and covered the body.

The mourners had sat in rows of white chairs on Mount Herzl, where Mr. Rabin was buried among Israel's past leaders and military heroes. Many of the foreign visitors wore the black skullcaps of observant Jews, while others had on blue baseball caps.

Israelis still had difficulty understanding that the man they called "Mr. Security" was dead. Israelis had long believed that despite the mounting divisions over fate of the West Bank, political assassinations could never happen in their country.

Nearly one million people, out of a population of five million, filed past Mr. Rabin's casket laying in state outside parliament from midday Sunday to midday Monday. There were young children on their parents' shoulders, uniformed soldiers, religious Jews in skullcaps, Israeli Arabs in flowing head dresses. Many sobbed. Dozens fainted.

The simple wooden casket stood in a sea of wreaths, flower bouquets and handwritten notes of prayer.

One woman passed out paper doves of peace. Others left photographs of Mr. Rabin and signs reading "why?" and "rest in peace."

Throughout the night, police issued appeals to Israelis to stay away or delay their arrival at the coffin site, as crowds filled side roads, around parliament.

Mr. Clinton also paid his respects. He stood silently in front of the coffin, bowed his head and then mouthed a prayer for his friend. Mr. Clinton pressed the hand of his wife, Hillary, and fought back tears as he gazed at the coffin.

At the Tel Aviv square where Mr. Rabin was slain Saturday, thousands of Israelis gathered throughout the night, lighting candles and mourning a quiet vigil. Thousands more huddled outside the apartment building where he lived in the northern Tel Aviv suburb of Ramat Aviv.

As Israel and the world mourned, the gunman was unrepentant.

Mr. Rabin's widow, Leah, said the support of the Israeli people was helping ease her pain.

"It warms my heart to see that we have the partnership of such a large part of the people. But our pain will remain with us and the gap that was created is huge and is felt in the home... every day, all day, and it is terrible."

Throughout the night and Monday morning, 82 planes carrying foreign leaders landed at Ben-Gurion international airport.

In an unprecedented security operation, some 12,000 police officers were deployed — 8,000 in Jerusalem and 4,000 at the airport.

World leaders at the funeral included Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, British Prime Minister John Major, Prince Charles, French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Moroccan Prime Minister Abdul Latif Filali was also breaking the Arab taboo on visiting Jerusalem, in another boost for the peace process.

U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali, Australian Prime Minister Paul Keating and Japanese Foreign Minister Yohei Kono were also among the mourners.

Former U.S. presidents George Bush and Jimmy Carter also were among the mourners.

Israel has declared two days of official mourning. Television and radio stations gave non-stop coverage, against a background of mourning music.

Following is a list of the major leaders attending the

funeral.

Australian Prime Minister Paul Keating; Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky; British Prime Minister John Major, Prince Charles; Bulgarian President Zhelyu Zhelev; Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien; Danish Prime Minister Poul Nyrup Rasmussen; Dutch Queen Beatrix; Prime Minister Wim Kok; Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak; Estonian President Lennart Meri; Finland's President Martti Ahtisaari; French President Jacques Chirac; German Chancellor Helmut Kohl; President Roman Herzog; Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze; Greek Defence Minister Gerasimo Arsenis; Hungarian Prime Minister Gyula Horn; Iceland's Prime Minister David Oddsson; Irish Prime Minister John Bruton; Italian Prime Minister Lamberto Dini; King Hussein; Lithuanian Prime Minister Adolfas Slezevicius; Moldovan President Mircea Snegur; Norwegian Foreign Minister Bjorn Tore Godal; Polish Prime Minister Jozef Oleksy; Portuguese President Mario Soares; Romanian President Ion Iliescu; Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin; Slovenian President Milan Kucan; South Korean Prime Minister Lee Hong-Koo; Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez, also representing the European Union; Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson; Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller; Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma; U.S. President Bill Clinton; U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher; former president Jimmy Carter and George Bush; former secretaries of state James Baker and Henry Kissinger; U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali; UNESCO Secretary General Federico Mayor.

The Palestinian National Authority sent five ministers: Ahmad Qouria, Nabil Shaath, Saeb Erekat, Faisal Hussein, Jamil Tarifi and Freih Abu Medein.

Many smaller countries and the Vatican were represented by their ambassadors.

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## World homage

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life at this rally. We did not know who is the terrorist, we did not imagine that the injury would be so great, but we knew we must not fear death and we must not hesitate in the peace.

"Before that we sat, as is our custom, behind closed doors and you told me for the first time that the job is wearing you down, but the quest for peace obligates you....

"You worked hard all your life, night and day, but the last three years were a crowning glory of your efforts. You promised to change the order of priorities and here came a new round of priorities. A strong new wind of peace began to blow. Two peace accords with the Palestinians. These two agreements will allow them to go forward to free elections and we will not have to maintain an army in order to govern a foreign people....

"I see our people with tears in their eyes but we know that the dummy bullet that killed you cannot kill the idea you started. You did not leave a will and testament but you left us a way upon which we will march with faith and determination....

"Farewell to you my elder brother, the bringer of peace. We will continue to carry this great peace from near and far, what you wanted in your life, what you left as your legacy."

Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said: "His name will forever be associated in history with the accomplishment of an unprecedented task, that of making a transition to a new relationship of peace and cooperation between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples."

"The untimely loss at this important juncture has dealt a severe blow to our noble cause. We must therefore redouble our efforts to achieve our sacred mission — a just peace."

"Only through our unwavering commitment to this objective can we honour the memory of this fallen hero of peace."

U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali said that the world should take its inspiration from Mr. Rabin to create a united nation.

He told the funeral ceremony that, everyone had known the road to peace would "be hard and long."

"The mainstone was laid, but the road was not at the end. Mr. Rabin was one of the main engineers of that peace, he was a man who knew war and fought for peace."

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## Two U.S. banks announce \$10.3b merger agreement

NEW YORK (AFP) — The Los Angeles-based First Interstate Bank and First Bank System of Minneapolis said Monday they have agreed on a \$10.3 billion merger that would create the ninth largest U.S. bank.

The agreement is aimed at countering a \$10 billion hostile takeover bid last month for First Interstate by the California-based Wells Fargo Bank, which First Interstate formally rejected Monday.

The terms concluded by First Bank System (FBS) and First Interstate calls for a swap of 2.6 FBS shares to one First Interstate share, or \$132.275 a share at Friday's closing price for FBS shares.

The price represents a 25 per cent premium over the value of First Interstate on Oct. 17, the day before the hostile takeover bid by Wells Fargo, the statement said.

The announcement sent First Bank System shares falling on the New York Stock Exchange in mid-morning trading, at \$49.5 per share, down \$1.37 from Friday. First Interstate lost 0.25 cents at \$127.5.

Market reaction was considered crucial in the deal as the offer was to fluctuate in line with the share prices of Wells Fargo and First Bank System.

Wells Fargo shares lost

0.87 cents at \$211.37.

The merger of FBS and First Interstate would broadly extend their geographical reach, with an established presence in the midwest, west and southwest. Together the banks are present in 21 states, but overlap in only three — Colorado, Montana and Wyoming.

"First Bank System is very similar in characteristics to First Interstate, very spread out," said John Gutfreund, the former chief executive officer of Salomon Brothers who now heads J.H. Gutfreund and Co.

Mr. Gutfreund described the FBS-First Interstate merger "as a more natural marriage" than the alliance between Wells Fargo and First Interstate.

But he noted that Wells Fargo has "the ability to pay a lot more if they wanted" to acquire First Interstate.

FBS is a regional bank based in Minneapolis, Minnesota with \$37.3 billion in assets. It has 366 offices, mainly in Minnesota, Colorado, the Dakotas, Montana and Wisconsin.

First Interstate, which is strongest in California, has \$55.1 billion in assets and operates in 13 western states with 1,148 branch offices.

The merger would result in annual savings of \$500 mil-

lion and contribute positively to earnings from the first full year, the banks said.

First Interstate said it had rejected the Wells Fargo offer because it would lead to

a large loss of jobs in California.

The bank said it would reject the offer even if it were raised to 0.65 Wells Fargo shares for one of First Inter-

state, from an initial offer of 0.625 share to one.

At Friday's close, Wells Fargo's offer amounted to \$132.65 a share for First Inter-

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ORGANIZED MARKET SHARE PRICE LIST FOR MONDAY 06/11/1995				
COMPANY'S NAME	NO. OF SHARES TRADED	VALUE	PREV. CLOSING PRICE	CHG.
ARAB BANK PIG	100	24000	240.000	240.000
JORDAN NATIONAL BANK	1258	14548	4.470	4.470
MIDDLE EAST INVESTMENT BANK	12000	14403	1.200	1.200
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK	150	360	2.400	2.400
THE HOUSING BANK	280	12535	4.400	4.400
JORDAN CULP BANK	12892	145674	1.130	1.140
JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK	3148	11435	3.640	3.630
UNION BANK FOR SAVINGS & INVESTMENT	300	3179	3.740	3.920
JORDAN INVESTMENT & FINANCE BANK	1700	6358	3.740	3.740
ARAB BANK FOR INVESTMENT	14800	14565	.990	.990
ARAB BANKING CORPORATION/JORDAN	83	440	5.300	5.300
PHILADELPHIA INVESTMENT BANK	37000	59733	1.590	1.630
<b>BANKS SECTOR</b>	<b>204333</b>	<b>305209</b>	<b>INDEX NUMBER: 189.53</b>	<b>CHG: +0.032</b>
JORDANIAN ELECTRIC POWER	2456	4013	1.630	1.640
JORDAN NITRO MINERAL	250	600	2.400	2.400
JORDAN NATIONAL SHIPPING LINES	280	438	2.600	2.500
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO SECURITIES	1200	2376	1.950	1.980
UNITED MIDDLE EAST & CONSUMERS HOTELS	250	580	2.360	2.320
ARAB PRIVATE FOR INVESTMENT & EDUCATION	2740	8897	3.200	3.290
JORDANIAN ECONOMIC INVESTMENT HOLDING	250	288	1.130	1.130
JORDAN PRIVATE UNIVERSITY	3006	3675	1.230	1.230
UNION LAND DEVELOPMENT CORP.	275	300	1.090	1.090
<b>SERVICES SECTOR</b>	<b>10700</b>	<b>21912</b>	<b>INDEX NUMBER: 126.90</b>	<b>CHG: -0.294</b>
JORDANIAN CEMENT MANUFACTURING	500	600	1.200	1.200
THE JORDAN CEMENT FACTORIES	5280	22725	3.630	3.630
JORDAN PROSPECT MINES	550	1650	3.000	3.000
JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY	30	281	9.370	9.370
THE INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL & AGRICULTURAL	125	445	3.500	3.550
THE JORDAN WOODS MILLS	100	780	7.800	7.600
ARAB PETROCHEMICAL MANUFACTURING	1480	6815	4.710	4.700
JORDAN CERAMIC INDUSTRIES	300	1800	6.000	6.000
SPINNING & WEAVING	1275	11275	1.120	1.150
DAR AL DAMA DEVELOPMENT & INVESTMENT	808	5670	7.100	7.000
ARAB ALUMINUM INDUSTRY	1108	5885	5.350	5.350
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	2000	17632	1.670	1.670
ARAB PAPER CONVERTING & TRADING	1650	2327	1.400	1.410
NATIONAL STEEL INDUSTRY	400	832	2.100	2.080
INDUSTRIAL PETRO-CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES	380	541	1.400	1.400
NATIONAL CABLE & WIRE MANUFACTURING	1200	11275	1.120	1.150
JORDAN SULFO-CHEMICALS	500	635	1.270	1.230
UNIVERSAL MODERN INDUSTRIES	2050	6407	3.120	3.150
JORDAN INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES CO.	2525	4797	1.920	1.900
JORDAN NEW CABLE COMPANY	3000	11275	1.120	1.150
INTERNATIONAL TOBACCO & CIGARETTES	9900	12929	1.410	1.430
UNION CHEMICAL & VEGETABLE OIL INDUSTRY	10044	10986	2.000	1.990
<b>INDUSTRIAL SECTOR</b>	<b>79529</b>	<b>135773</b>	<b>INDEX NUMBER: 123.34</b>	<b>CHG: -0.101</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>290962</b>	<b>462894</b>	<b>INDEX NUMBER: 156.88</b>	<b>CHG: -0.042</b>
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### Financial Markets

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U.S. Dollar in International Markets

Currency	New York Close	Tokyo Close
sterling Pound*	1.5880	1.5840**
Deutsche Mark	1.4167	1.4145
Swiss Franc	1.1408	1.1351**
French Franc	4.8952	4.8865**
Japanese Yen	183.39	183.48
European Currency Unit	1.2435	1.2404**

\* 100 per \$100 \*\* European Opening @ 9:00 a.m. GMT

Manufacturing Index: 4/11/1995

Currency	1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. Dollar	5.54	5.62	5.50	5.43
sterling Pound	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50
Deutsche Mark	3.72	3.72	3.71	3.71
Swiss Franc	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93
French Franc	6.10	6.10	6.03	6.10
Japanese Yen	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18
European Currency Unit	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50

Source: Bank of America, London, 4/11/1995

Prevalent Metals: 4/11/1995

Metal	USD/oz	JDM/oz	Metal	USD/oz	JDM/oz
Gold	382.45	7.50	Silver	5.31	0.100

Source: 100 per \$100

Central Bank of Jordan Exchange Rate Bulletin: 4/11/1995

Currency	Bid	Offer
U.S. Dollar	0.7080	0.7100
sterling Pound	1.1285	1.1261
Deutsche Mark	0.6958	0.6923
Swiss Franc	0.6229	0.6260
French Franc	0.1444	0.1453
Japanese Yen*	0.6822	0.6856
Dutch Guilder	0.4163	0.4185
Swedish Krona	0.0444	0.0446
Italian Lira*	0.0444	0.0446
Belgian Franc	0.0000	0.0000

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Other Currencies: 4/11/1995

Currency	Bid	Offer
Norwegian Dinar	1.8430	1.8410
Japanese Yen*	0.043335	0.043350
Small Riyal	0.1885	0.1898
Kuwaiti Dinar	2.3078	2.3070
Qatari Riyal	0.1937	0.1945
Egyptian Pound	0.2189	0.2200
Omani Riyal	1.8330	1.8410
UAE Dirham	0.1922	0.1935
Greek Drachma*	0.2775	0.2785
Cypriot Pound	1.5235	1.5250

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## Price of table eggs rises

★ PRICES OF TABLE eggs went up for the second consecutive day and for the second time this month to reach JD 1.450 per carton.

The price of table eggs has risen about 53 per cent in less than a year. Market traders attribute the rise to large numbers of small poultry farmers leaving the market and to the lack of coordination between the association of foodstuff traders, the Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Industry and the Ministry of Supply. Some sources rejected any relation between the price rise of eggs and the increase in the price of fodder and the value of the dollar. Fodder prices did not go up more than 10 per cent at the most, the sources said. Also rising was the cost of Al Ghazal ghee which last week went up from JD 1.425 to JD 1.570 in addition to a reduction in the weight of the can. Other products, such as canned cheese and triangular cheese, are selling for higher prices within less than one year span (Al Aswaq).

### Cabinet authorises minting coins

★ THE COUNCIL of Ministers has approved minting two JD 5 coins, one in silver and the other in metal on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations (Al Ra'i).

### Minister okays setting up new Jordan-Israel transport firm

★ THE MINISTER of industry and trade has approved founding a public shareholding company to transport passengers between Jordan and Israel. The company will have a JD 10 million capital and will transport passengers between Amman-Tel Aviv-Amman, Amman-Haifa-Amman, Aqaba-Eilat-Aqaba and Amman-Nazareth-Amman (Al Ra'i).

### Egypt exempts Jordanian trucks from 'diesel fees'

★ EGYPT DECIDED to exempt Jordanian trucks crossing between Aqaba and Nuweiba from "diesel fees." The Egyptian decision comes in response to a Jordanian decision to exempt Arab trucks coming from Jordan from diesel fees on condition that Jordanian trucks entering any Arab country is given the same treatment (Al Ra'i).

## Jordan asks S. Arabia to use its vast gas well

★ THE MINISTRY of Energy and Mineral Resources has contacted the Saudi authorities to use the Tabouk gas well and is awaiting a reply from Riyadh which had shown positive signs towards this subject, the minister Samih Darwazah, said. The minister pointed out that Saudi Arabia does not use the Tabouk gas well which could be of great benefit of Jordan as it is very close to the Jordanian-Saudi border. The well, the largest natural gas well in Saudi Arabia, is about 200 kilometres from the border. Mr. Darwazah said Jordan requested cooperation with the Saudis to extract the gas and to develop the Tabouk well or to allow the Kingdom to import its needs from the area. The minister stressed that it is much easier and cheaper to import gas from Saudi Arabia than from Egypt or Qatar, because if the Saudis agree to export gas to Jordan, it would come directly through a pipeline whereas Egyptian or Qatari gas exports have to come by ships. However, Mr. Darwazah noted, a Saudi approval would not mean gas sufficiency for Jordan, but a step to consolidate gas imports from Egypt and Qatar. Jordan's gas output from Al Rishah field covers only 15 per cent of the Kingdom's needs. The minister expressed hope that by the year 2000, Jordan will completely rely on gas instead of heavy fuel to generate electric power (Al Dustour).

### New, large industrial city to be built next year

★ FAYEZ SUHEIMAT, director-general of the Industrial Estates Corporation, has announced that 2,000 dunums of land belonging to a governmental institution were assigned to build a large industrial city south of Amman. Dr. Suheimat said the project, to be the largest industrial scheme in Jordan, will be implemented in two stages. The engineering designs and the tender documents will be prepared next month and the construction of buildings and networks will start during the second half of next year. He pointed out that the site will accommodate more than 300 small and medium-size industries which will be grouped according to sectors. The project will be financed from the corporation's own resources in addition to a loan from the European Investment Bank (Al Ra'i).

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## First-year Panthers upset SF 49ers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco's humiliation became complete here Sunday when the injury-riddled 49ers became American football's first reigning champions ever to be beaten by a first-year club.

Carolina cornerback Tim McKeever, a former 49er, returned an interception 96 yards for a touchdown and John Kasay kicked a pair of field goals for the expansion Panthers in a stunning 13-7 victory over the 49ers.

"We're hurting," 49ers' defensive back Tim McDonald said. "I thought it couldn't get any worse."

The triumph was the fourth in a row by the Panthers (4-5), who equalled the most victories ever for a debut team by winning their fourth in a row.

"It seems like one of the more improbable things to come in as a rookie and beat the world champion on their home turf. Today it happened," Panthers' quarterback Kerry Collins said.

The 49ers (5-4) struggled on offense again after falling 11-7 last week at New Orleans. The second straight defeat dropped the injury-weakened 49ers one game behind Atlanta in the NFC West division.

Quarterback Steve Young is sidelined with a bruised shoulder and rusher William Floyd is out for the season with torn knee ligaments.

Young, sidelined with a bruised shoulder, returns next week when the 49ers

play arch-foe Dallas.

"Nobody expects us to win next week," Samoan-born 49ers' blocker Jesse Sapolu said. "We're going to go out and give it our best shot," the downhearted guard added.

The stunner overshadowed the continued success of Kansas City, Marcus Allen and Kimble Anders rushed for touchdowns and Steve Bono threw for another to lead the Chiefs past Washington 24-3.

The Chiefs are now a league-best 8-1 but the Dallas Cowboys could match that record with a home victory Monday over Philadelphia.

Allen scored on a one-yard pass to Willie Davis early in the second quarter. Bono completed 21 of 37

passing for 201 yards. Anders scored the only points of the second half on a 40-yard touchdown run.

Oakland remained one game behind the Chiefs in the AFC West with a 20-17 victory at Cincinnati. Harvey Williams rushed for 134 yards and a touchdown and the Raiders' defense had four sacks and two turnovers.

A booming Cleveland crowd of 57,000 watched Houston inflict a 37-10 rout on the Browns, who are expected to announce Monday they are moving to Baltimore.

"I have been here eight years and that ranks right up there as one of the worst moments," Browns' blocker

Tony Jones said. "It was so embarrassing. How can you hold your head up when you play that way?"

Browns' owner Art Modell was not in his box to watch Cleveland's fourth loss in five games. Extra security guards were on hand but faced no problem in a city where fans who have supported the club for 49 years.

"I wasn't thinking about the possibility of a move," Browns' guard Bob Dahl said. "We can't blame this on distractions."

Houston's Chris Chandler threw two touchdowns passes and ran for another through a shoddy Cleveland defense. "Distractions are an easy excuse, but there is no excuse for how we played," defense

## 'Graf's father beat her'

FRANKFURT (AP) — Steffi Graf's father, who is jailed on allegations of evading taxes on the tennis champ's earnings, allegedly beat and kicked her during training, Der Spiegel magazine said Sunday.

Quoting a former close associate of the Graf family, Horst Schmidt, Spiegel said the 57-year-old Peter Graf "treated her like a dog" when they were once at a training camp in Spain.

In one incident, Graf kicked his daughter when she dropped something and was kneeling down to pick it up, Spiegel quoted Schmidt as saying.

Spiegel said that Schmidt had told his story to tax fraud investigators on Aug. 21, almost two weeks after Graf was arrested on the grounds that he was likely to flee prosecution. Spiegel said that before Schmidt saw the kick, he had not taken Peter Graf seriously when the father would come down from the hotel room and say, "I've just now smacked her."

The magazine quoted Schmidt as saying that when he saw the kick, he warned Peter Graf, "you'll only do that one time," Schmidt said.

Schmidt was also the authorized agent for a Graf account in Vaduz, Liechtenstein, worth 30 million marks (\$21.4 million), Spiegel said.

Peter Graf later accused Schmidt of first setting up the account in Vaduz, then



Steffi Graf

trying to blackmail him with it, the Magazine reported. As the basis of its report, Spiegel referred to "several papers" relating to Schmidt's eventual departure from his job in 1991.

Spiegel said that Peter Graf paid Schmidt 750,000 marks (\$528,000) and had him sign a contract agreeing to strict secrecy regarding all business concerns of the family.

Steffi Graf, the No. 1 ranked women's tennis player, has been questioned

twice by investigators, but the chief prosecutor in the case has said there are no grounds to arrest her.

Peter Graf was arrested Aug. 2 in connection with alleged failure to pay taxes on some 50 million marks (\$35.2 million) of his daughter's earnings over a period of years, according to news reports.

He has not been charged, and remains in investigative custody in Mannheim, along with the family's tax adviser, Joachim Eckart.

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